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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

TO THE 83RD INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

Vārānasi, 26 December 1958

By N. SRI RAM, *President*

SISTERS AND BROTHERS,

Extending to all of you present here at the 83rd Annual Convention of the International Theosophical Society the warmest welcome, I declare the Convention duly open. We have listened to messages of greeting from far and near, which show that the thoughts of many Theosophists all over the world are with us on this occasion. While we rejoice at meeting here so many whom we meet only occasionally at such gatherings as this, let us send our good-will, affection and good thoughts to members all over the world, wherever they might be; and let us also, as was Dr. Annie Besant's custom at these Conventions, lift our thoughts in reverence to those great Beings whom we regard as the Elder Brethren:

May Those who are the embodiments of Love Immortal bless with Their continued help and guidance the Society founded to further Their plans and work. May They inspire it with Their wisdom, sustain it by Their power and energize it with Their activity.

According to reports we have received from the various countries in which the Society is functioning—reports which I have read with some care—there are

today 42 active National Societies or Sections, three Federations of Lodges not yet amounting to Sections, two Presidential Agencies for areas that are still uncultivated from the standpoint of the Society's work, 1,364 Lodges and 33,749 members. Compared with the populations of the countries in which the Society carries on its work, the numbers are obviously small. But they are not, in my judgment, a true measure of its value. For it is not a very large membership, nor that kind of respectability which consists in large buildings and resources, nor even the approval of persons holding important positions in the intellectual or political world, which can be regarded as proof or guarantee of the success of the Society. None of these characterized it in H. P. B.'s time. Most of those eminent men who associated themselves with it at the beginning, some drawn by her remarkable powers, others curious as to her personality, did not stay long in it.

No one who reads *The Mahatma Letters to Mr. A. P. Sinnett* can be in any doubt as to what They wanted. It was "a Brotherhood of Humanity, a real universal Fraternity." When the Society was started, those present defined its

object as only "to collect and diffuse a knowledge of the laws which govern the universe". Colonel Olcott, the President-Founder, says in his *Old Diary Leaves* that the Brotherhood plank was not then thought of. It was only later that the First Object, as it stands now, came into prominence and became "the corner-stone of the edifice".

One can see now how far-seeing were Those who insisted on Universal Brotherhood, which was to be no lip declaration but a practical regenerating Brotherhood. The success of the Society, from Their standpoint, would depend on the measure in which this spirit is present in its members. It might be asked, What about Theosophy or Occultism? The answer to this lies in the fact that Truth in its highest meaning, the truth which is spiritual and belongs to the fundamental nature of things, is discoverable only by one who is open to it, whose inner state is reflected in his outer life in relations that show the qualities of understanding, co-operation and brotherhood. These are obviously also the conditions for a real peace throughout the world, fruitful of manifold blessings for all. Again to quote from the aforesaid Letters: "He alone who has the love of humanity at heart . . . is entitled to the possession of our secrets. . . A man who places not the good of mankind above his own good is not worthy of becoming our chela, becoming higher in knowledge than his neighbor." These words clearly express the spirit which should animate a body of students, for the gaining of true occult knowledge.

We have in Theosophy an explanation of the nature of man and the universe, showing how alike they are in constitution and how closely related one to the other. But the truth with regard to the most vital aspect of either, the truth as to their spiritual nature, is a truth to be experienced in oneself rather than learnt or commu-

nicated in words. To know Theosophy as a living wisdom, not merely through such concepts as we may form from our experiences at levels where we are disconnected from the source and the true nature of things, we have to become open to the truth and bring about in ourselves a certain polarity between what might be called the spiritual part of ourselves and the rest of our nature, resulting in a relation towards all beings and things very different from what it is now. To see life as one in its purity and that we are all fundamentally alike in our natures, in our basic capacity to feel and experience, despite the conditioning by outer influences and the ideas we absorb, is more important for human progress, especially at the present juncture, than any accretion of knowledge in the material field or advance in technology.

If there is to be a new era, which is the alternative to the destruction with which the whole world is threatened, it cannot be an era merely of abundance of physical goods, although everyone must have a proper physical basis for his life, but there must be a new relation between man and man, between man and all other forms of life, and a new standpoint freer, more open and more alive to the spiritual values in matters of individual living as well as relationship with others. Brother Jinārājādāsa has spoken glowingly of a new humanity of intuition. Instead of postponing it to the future, can we not find a way to become that humanity now? Man is so constituted that he cannot change fundamentally except from within himself, which means a change born out of his understanding. It is such a change that is needed at present.

The Theosophical Society is now so widely spread that the conditions in which its work is carried on and the lines of its activities vary from one Section to another. It is not possible for me to

mention here the work in all the Sections, though each Section should be interested in the progress of all the others and at the International Headquarters we feel equally linked with all of them.

One of the Sections which has been for many years rather outside the orbit of inter-Sectional activities and comparatively little visited by lecturers or members from abroad is Iceland. It is all the more pleasing to learn from the Report of its new General Secretary, Mr. Sigvaldi Hjálmarsson, that the Society is not less vital there than anywhere else. The membership of the Section, now 416, has increased considerably during the past few years, and the trend is expected to continue. Few organizations, if any, says Mr. Hjálmarsson, have as active a programme in Iceland as the Theosophical Lodges.

The Finnish Section, which has now a membership of 505, celebrated during this year the completion of fifty years of its work. The General Secretary, Miss Signe Rosvall, writes that, in spite of many difficulties, the work goes on in an atmosphere of peace and optimism. In the Section's summer home at Kreivilä members from all parts of the country have an opportunity of meeting during the summer and getting better acquainted with one another. As it is open also to non-members, there is an opportunity for members to contact and interest non-Theosophists.

Mr. A. J. H. van Leeuwen, Acting President of the Netherlands Section (in the absence of the National President, Mr. B. Wouters who with his wife has been at Adyar attending the School of the Wisdom), records as a notable event the approval of the Dutch Government for the creation by the Theosophical Foundation "Proclus" of a special Chair in the University of Leyden for the study of "Metaphysics in the spirit of Theos-

ophy". Our Brother Dr. J. J. Poortman has been appointed the first professor in this Chair. That such a well-known and long-established University as that of Leyden and the Dutch Government should consider the metaphysics of Theosophy as a subject to be included in University studies is certainly an encouraging sign. Mr. van Leeuwen observes in his Report: "We need a deeper interest in real Theosophy as a philosophy of life, and not so much an increase in pseudo and semi-occult knowledge." He points out that there are various bodies interested in the study of phenomena of different sorts, attracting large numbers of people. But it should be the special duty of Theosophists to enquire into "the eternal spiritual problems of the soul, its deeper psychological and mystical aims".

Belgium has always been a country where there has been much resistance to Theosophy, because of the Roman Catholic influence. But the Section has had, says the General Secretary, Mr. Chapelier, "the happiness of receiving into the Theosophical family thirty-five new members". In the circumstances this addition cannot be regarded as inconsiderable. The General Secretary has sent a detailed account of the work of the Lodges in Belgium and the subjects studied and discussed, giving an indication of the variety of subjects and the increased liveliness of the Section.

Switzerland is another Section in Europe with a comparatively small membership, 234 at present. Mme. Claire Wyss, the General Secretary, mentions as particularly promising the enthusiasm of the Young Theosophists group there. The country, being centrally situated, the members there have the opportunity of attending the Regional Summer Schools for the German-speaking and French-speaking members. These were held this year in Pichl (Austria) and in Ordino

(Andorra) respectively. At the summer school at Ordino there were a large number of members from Latin countries who are not in a position ordinarily to take much part in Theosophical activities.

Mr. J. E. van Dissel, the General Secretary of the Federation of European Sections, mentions these Regional Summer Schools, as well as one held at Swanwick in England for the English-speaking members, as notable features of the work in Europe, giving opportunity for close contacts between members and workers in different countries. These summer schools are part of the activities of the regional committees of the Federation. Mr. van Dissel mentions as the most important event of all the meeting of the Council of the Federation, which was held in August at Rendsburg, during the first three days of the German Section's summer school. There were represented at this meeting, besides Germany, seven other Sections—Austria, Denmark, England, France, Holland, Sweden and Switzerland—each by its General Secretary or by an official delegate. There was thus a very representative gathering, with a varied programme of talks and discussions on Theosophical topics, in addition to the transaction of business.

The work in the English Section has gone on much as usual, says Dr. Laurence Bendit, who has succeeded Mrs. Alice Lavender Berry as General Secretary. Dr. Bendit mentions the Tekels Park estate in Camberley as a centre of increasing activity, with many week-end conferences for different purposes. The Research Centre in England carries on its work through groups, lecture courses and publications, and has held conferences at different places during the year, all well attended.

One of the Sections where there has been a decrease in membership is Sweden, whose General Secretary now is Mrs. Eva

Ostelius. There too there is the difficulty of keeping in touch from Stockholm with the distant Lodges. A number of members in Sweden, who have been only nominally on the rolls, have been dropped during the year.

Mr. James S. Perkins, National President of the United States Section writes that the membership of that Section is now 4,328, the largest since 1938. There has been an increase of 448 during the year. The work at "Olcott" is so organized, with different departments for correspondence courses, supplying material for Lodge programmes, answering enquiries and so on, that there is constant contact between the headquarters and the Lodges and members in all parts of the country. The Section now comprises 149 Lodges divided into fifteen Federations, in addition to three summer Camps which are in the States of Washington, New York and California. These Camps, which are all situated in beautiful natural surroundings, attract many members during the summer months, and also some non-members who are sympathetic. As the United States is a land of long distances many members do not find it possible to come to the Annual Convention and Summer School held at "Olcott". Therefore, in addition to the Annual Sessions, there have been held annually during the last four years a National Conference at some large centre, such as New York, San Francisco, New Orleans, and this year Los Angeles, in the peripheral parts of the country.

The Department of Education of this Section (which is not concerned with the education of boys and girls but with educative material and programmes for use by members and Lodges) has an increasing correspondence with other Sections and shares its material with them. It is constantly adding to its number of tape-recorded lectures (some of these

obtained from other Sections) and its slide library which has a number of sets with script which could be read out by a Lodge. A recent study course which has been prepared, correlating Theosophy with modern biological researches, and entitled "The Life Process," has been used by many Lodges. This particular study course includes six programmes, each with appended topics for discussion, and several supplementary papers. The Lodges can always turn to this Department for help.

I have in previous Addresses mentioned the increasing use of the radio in the American Section. At present twenty-four radio stations in different parts of the country are regularly being used for Theosophical broadcasts. The Spotlight work, which is a feature of the Section's activities, has been extended during the year to areas not previously touched at all. The enthusiastic response met with in these areas shows that there must be many people not only in America but throughout the world who are waiting for the truth which the Society exists to propagate.

Seeing the success of the Spotlight activity in the United States, which in the words of Mr. Perkins is meant to be "a concentrated employment of the Section's talent and financial and spiritual resources," one cannot but wish that it could be extended widely to many other parts of the world. For example, in Canada, which is a huge country, there are very many little towns where Theosophy is not known at all. Also in the countries of South America there is an immense field for Theosophical work, which has so far been only a little cultivated. No doubt other fields will open up some day in Russia and the countries where now it is not possible to speak of Theosophy freely or establish Theosophical centres.

The Indian Section continues to be numerically the largest of all. Mr. Rohit Mehta, the General Secretary, reports that the membership now stands at 7,090, the numbers of Lodges and Centres being 408 and 47 respectively. The All-India Federation of Young Theosophists was dissolved during the year, as there was not a sufficient number of Youth Lodges to keep up a separate Youth Federation. There are still four Youth Lodges, but these are now part of the Federations in their areas. There are fourteen of these Federations making up the Section. Study Camps have been held in a number of these Federations, besides the Regional Study Camp which is held each year at Adyar, following the Conference which is generally held there at Easter. The General Secretary is planning to have four such Regional Camps every year at different places.

East Africa is a Section where in past years there has been a fairly rapid increase of members, but it now records a drop by about 350 members, due to non-payment of dues. The General Secretary, Mr. Kapadia, thinks that many of them are likely to revive their membership.

Madame Nguyen-thi-Hai, who is now the General Secretary for Viet-Nam, outlines a programme of work for making that Section much more vital than it has been. She mentions, interestingly enough a Lodge of women members whose "programme of action is the study of Theosophy and the practice of qualities that are specifically feminine such as compassion, gentleness and devotion". There is also a Lodge of Young Theosophists whose meetings, we are told, attract many sympathizers. Besides propaganda through the Section journal, a Lodge in Saigon has distributed about 7,000 booklets on Theosophy free of charge.

In spite of the unsettled conditions in Indonesia, the membership there has been constantly increasing, and now stands at 1,050.

The work in Australia and New Zealand goes on very steadily. Because of long distances it has not been for very many years possible for the General Secretary in Australia to tour the country and make personal contacts with the members and Lodges, but Miss Helen Zahara has been able this last year to do extensive touring in different States of the country.

Mrs. Mary G. Patterson, who has been for some time a worker at Adyar, is now in South Africa, having been elected National President of that Section, which includes the Rhodesias. South Africa is a difficult country for Theosophical work because of the racial attitudes and tensions. Also it is a large country in which it is difficult for the General Secretary, unless he is able to devote a good deal of time to travelling, to give the help needed by the Lodges. Mrs. Patterson reports the holding of a National Congress in Salisbury especially to strengthen the work in the Rhodesias.

Central America is another Section where, because of lack of sufficient communications and also the fact that it includes a number of different Republics, the Lodges are not much in contact with one another or with the headquarters. In Costa Rica the General Secretary, Señor José Joaquín Ulloa, writes that an attempt is now being made to organize a Convention of the Lodges to be held in February or March 1959 in the city of San Salvador. This Convention would enable the members of the Section to know one another better. The General Secretary speaks of the Young Theosophists in Costa Rica as "enthusiastic and ardent students preparing themselves" for Theosophical work.

In many Sections the need is felt for an annual gathering of members from different parts devoted entirely to study and talks. Thus, study camps and summer schools which are usually held for a week in some pleasant and secluded place, are becoming increasingly popular. Besides the camps and summer schools already mentioned, there was a study camp at Dar-es-Salaam in East Africa, which was attended by members from all parts of that Section. There were summer schools in Belgium, Sweden, Iceland, Finland, Denmark (two in that country) and Australia, following its Convention. The Young Theosophists of Melbourne held a summer school for themselves at Easter.

It is always a great advantage to a Theosophical Lodge or a Section to have premises of its own where there can be developed an atmosphere favorable to Theosophical work, unmixed with other influences. In Pakistan the Karachi Lodge has now a fine new building with several floors, which has been raised as a memorial to our late Brother Jamshed Nusserwanjee. The building was opened by myself on 17th November 1957. The Presidential Agent, Mrs. Gool Minwalla, refers in her Report to the difficulties of presenting Theosophy in Islamic countries, due partly to paucity of workers versed in Islamic books. The Hermes Lodge of the Canadian Federation also has been able to raise a fine building for Theosophical work in Vancouver which was dedicated this year by Miss Clara Codd. The Icelandic Section has secured a plot of ground on which it hopes to build premises which can accommodate the Section headquarters and serve as a suitable centre for Theosophical lectures. The General Secretary for Brazil, Mr. Armando Sales, says in his Report that Lodge "Bhagavat Gautama" at Belo Horizonte in the State of Minas Gervais has now

acquired a building for itself; also Lodge "Jesus de Nazareth" at Manaus in the State of Amazonas has now premises of its own. In Cuba, where conditions are very unsettled, the General Secretary Mr. Ledón reports that Lodge "Rafael de Albear" at Morón has now a small but beautiful home for its headquarters, which the members hope to make a centre of peace, harmony and friendliness. Mexico is another Section where a big effort has been started under the direction of Brother de la Peña Gil—unfortunately no more with us—to construct a building which will worthily house the activities of the Section and the different Lodges established in Mexico City.

I was in the United States this year from April 10th to August 27th, along with Srimati Bhagirathi Sri Ram and Miss Elithe Nisewanger, who helps me as Secretary. My itinerary there covered most of the Federation areas, and we took part in the Annual Convention and Summer School held at "Olcott" in July. During the time spent at "Olcott" I had the pleasure of meeting the Vice-President, Mr. Sidney A. Cook, and discussing with him and Mr. Perkins various matters concerning our work. In the course of my tour I was also at Ojai, California, for a week, during which there were talks and lectures, as in all the other places. This time I could visit only Toronto in Canada. On the way to and from the United States we were for a few weeks in London, and during my stay there in September I made a brief visit to Paris, where I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Brunel and other workers of the French Section. Before returning to Adyar towards the end of September, Srimati Bhagirathi and I also visited Karachi (Pakistan), Bhavnagar and Bombay.

Miss Clara Codd has been in the United States since May this year, travel-

ling and lecturing in different areas. She was present at the Annual Sessions at "Olcott," where her presence and talks were much appreciated. She is now continuing her touring and lecturing in that country, which will keep her there until August next year.

Mr. and Mrs. James S. Perkins, who do considerable travelling and lecturing in the United States itself, were able to come to Adyar for the 1957 International Convention, and on the way back they visited and lectured in Ceylon and Pakistan, as well as in a number of Sections in Europe.

Mr. Rohit Mehta was requested by the Australian and New Zealand Sections to tour in their countries, and he was able to do so by relieving himself of his duties as General Secretary for India for five months. He was accompanied by Srimati Shridevi Mehta, and their talks were received with much enthusiasm in all the places they visited. They made a special point, while in these countries, of contacting many outside organizations and telling them something of the conditions and culture of India. They also visited Indonesia and Malaya on their way back.

Dr. and Mrs. Laurence Bendit also made a tour of the United States in the latter part of 1957, and they were present at the National Conference which was held in New Orleans in November 1957.

Mr. J. E. van Dissel's work as General Secretary of the European Federation has taken him during this year to very many Sections and places, including Iceland. A number of European Sections, including Italy, Iceland and Greece, were also visited by Mr. John Coats. It is not possible for me to give an account of all the touring for Theosophical work which takes place or to mention all those who have contributed to that work. As I have pointed out in other Addresses, the work of

lecturers within their own Sections is not of less importance than visits by people from overseas.

I referred last year to the need for organizing the work of translating Theosophical books into Spanish and publishing them in a systematic manner. Mrs. Edith Carroll, a member in the United States, who has been translating for Brother Rimini of Argentina certain books which have since been published in that country, suggested to me while I was in the United States that a Council consisting of all the General Secretaries of the Spanish-speaking Sections should be constituted, together with one or two others who might be especially qualified, to take charge of this work. The translation work will be done by a small committee of translators chosen by the Council. I have circulated this scheme amongst the General Secretaries of those Sections and most of their replies have been favorable. It now remains to work out a number of practical problems in order to achieve the launching of this important work for our Spanish-speaking brothers.

I have mentioned in previous years the activities of The Theosophical Order of Service. They are referred to in a number of Reports from the Sections. An important activity I might mention here, which has been recently increased considerably, is the production of Theosophical books and booklets in Braille by The Theosophical Book Association for the Blind at Ojai, California. I understand that there are no less than 800 blind readers of its Braille bi-monthly magazine, which is circulated in the United States and a number of other countries. There is also now issued a Spanish Braille bi-monthly, named "Sabiduria Eterna," (Eternal Wisdom), which brings Theosophy to many blind Spanish readers in different Sections.

As in other years, I place on record my heart-felt thanks to Miss Emma Hunt, the Recording Secretary, Miss Ann Kerr, the Assistant Recording Secretary, Mr. Edwin Lord, the Treasurer, all the Departmental Heads at Adyar, their Assistants and all the workers. I fully realize the importance of the work of each and all of them. Miss Ann Kerr, who has been the Assistant Recording Secretary for more than five years, as well as Director of the Adyar Library for three years, is returning in January to the United States, where she will again take up work at the Section's headquarters. She goes with the good wishes of all at Adyar.

During the year Dr. E. Sundareshan, who had been in charge of the Dispensary, passed away, much to the regret of his friends at Adyar and elsewhere. His place has recently been taken by Dr. S. V. Joseph, whom all residents are very glad to have as the Medical Officer for the estate.

I give here the names of the principal workers in the various Departments at Adyar: *Archives*, Miss Katherine Beechey; *Adyar Library*, Miss Ann Kerr, Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan; *Bhojanasala*, Mr. S. Krishnamurti; *Dispensary*, Dr. S. V. Joseph, Mr. S. Krishnamurti; *Engineering Department*, Mr. M. D. Subramaniam; *Gardens*, Mr. N. Y. Sastry, Mr. V. Manickam; *Custody of Movable Properties*, Mr. Narainji K. Kevat; *Laundry*, Mr. M. V. Gopalakrishna Iyer; *Leadbeater Chambers*, Miss Dorothy Rood; *Recording Secretary's Office*, Miss Emma Hunt, Miss Ann Kerr; *Sanitation and Hygiene*, Madame P. Cazin; *Theosophical Publishing House*, Mr. K. S. Krishnamurti, Mr. K. Ramanathan; *The Theosophist*, Mrs. D. R. Dinshaw, Mr. Seymour Ballard; *Treasurer's Office*, Mr. Edwin N. Lord, Mr. K. S. Rajagopalan; *Vasanta Press*, Mr. M. Subramaniam, Mr. D. V. Syamala

Rau; *Watch and Ward*, Mr. K. S. Krishna-murti.

The tenth session of The School of the Wisdom commenced on October 2nd this year, with a larger number of registered students than in previous years, namely 26, representing the following countries: India, England, South Africa, Rhodesia, United States, Australia, New Zealand, Viet-Nam, Netherlands, Hungary, and Rumania. Although I am nominally Director of Studies, doing what I can, the main burden has rested on Miss Emma Hunt, assisted by Mr. M. Subramaniam and also by some of the students themselves.

I referred in my Address three years ago to the fact that the Theosophical Publishing House at Adyar has taken up the work of bringing out the remaining volumes of the *H. P. B. Collected Writings*, prepared and edited by Mr. Boris de Zirkoff in Los Angeles, California. Volume VII has just been printed by the Vasanta Press and the manuscript for volume VIII is already in our hands, and it will be put through the press as quickly as possible. I am sure that all who prize H. P. B.'s works—they are an increasing number throughout the world—will feel grateful to Mr. de Zirkoff for the work he has undertaken and is carrying out with such devotion and care.

I have to record with deep regret the passing away of a number of most devoted and eminent brethren during this last year: Professor J. E. van der Stok in the Netherlands; Mr. Sidney Ransom in England; Señor Adolfo de la Peña Gil in Mexico; and Dr. Bhagavan Das in India, among others. Professor van der Stok, who has been living at St. Michael's, Huizen for a number of years, was a deeply erudite man, with an extraordinary devotion to the work of the Society, and an inspirer and counsellor to many workers and members throughout Europe.

Mr. Sidney Ransom has worked in many Sections and also at Adyar at different times. He was known and loved by members very widely, and his passing away is a great loss to the work in England in particular and the Scandinavian countries, of which he was a special friend. Dr. Bhagavan Das was known by his numerous works read and appreciated not only throughout the Theosophical world, but by many other people in India and outside. He was a friend of Dr. Annie Besant and a close co-worker with her for some years. Señor de la Peña Gil was a pillar of the Society in Mexico, who had a strong link with Adyar, where he had been a student in Brahma Vidyā Āshrama. There are others whom I shall not name here, not so well known generally. We honor all these brethren and tender them our gratitude.

I feel it my duty to bring again to the notice of all members the fact that *The Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund* (A.B.C. Fund), which was established in February 1947 in order to cover with its income the large difference that already existed between the annual income and expenditure at Adyar, at present stands not very much above half the original target of Rs. 2,000,000 (£150,000; \$427,328). The cost of almost everything in India, including of course the wages of employees on the Estate, has gone up very considerably since 1947, due partly to the economic efforts of the Indian Government, and partly to world conditions. We have accordingly to revise our target, and I myself would consider Rs. 4,000,000 (£300,000; \$854,656) not too high a figure for the Fund's original purpose.

Our deficit year by year has been covered by generous donations from members all over the world. While we are deeply grateful to them all, among whom I must make special mention of

the United States Section for its Adyar Day collections, we can count only on a certain amount from members, when their own Sections and Lodges equally need funds for carrying on the work. The fact that donations have been forthcoming is a matter for great thankfulness, not merely because of the fact that they have enabled us to carry on our work on a certain scale, but also and even more, as indicating the degree of devotion and interest which animates members everywhere. To very many Theosophists, even in remote parts of the Theosophical world, Adyar is a spiritual Home to which they feel linked, even without having been physically present there.

We need, too, help for the *Raja Commemorative Fund*, which we take care to use with discretion, when both the Sections concerned and the International Headquarters feel that help might be given in particular cases in which the Sections are unable to meet the travel expenses of lecturers whom they wish to invite as likely to help their work very decidedly.

During the year we have received some donations for the proposed new Adyar Library Building, showing that our members have not forgotten this important project, which has been on the anvil for more years than I can remember. We have now an excellent architect's plan for the building, originally sent by Señor Armando Sales, the General Secretary for Brazil, and since revised by a number of interested friends, among whom I must

mention Mr. Tahilramani of Karachi. It is to be hoped that it will not be long before the new building makes its handsome appearance on its appointed site.

The Theosophical Society as it has spread over the world, has drawn into itself men and women of different temperaments, different backgrounds and cultures. But all are united in a common purpose which is to do all we can in brotherliness of heart to convey such enlightenment as we have to a world in darkness under many illusions. The pursuit of this purpose, its fulfilment, not in the future but to our capacity here and now, demands and permits many lines of activity. In our Society all members and groups of members are free to follow their particular lines of interest, the work for which they have aptitude or which they consider to be most urgently needed. Each can make his own contribution in his own way, and it can be vital and valuable to all. So long as these efforts and activities are basically and essentially Theosophical, it should be possible to find room for them all, harmonize and blend them. The Society is like a river into which flow the currents and activities set going by its members. To enable it to fulfil its mission which it brings from its own sacred source, we should try to keep its waters flowing as fresh and clear and pure as possible. If we do this, we will have done our duty at a time when the world needs these healing and life-giving waters more than ever before.

N. SRI RAM

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

The Income and Expense Account of the Theosophical Society for the fiscal year ended 30-9-'58 closed with a deficit of Rs. 11,719/- as given below in a summarized form.

	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Actuals</i>
	Rs.	Rs.
Expense including Departments. ..	4,92,930	5,67,550
Income " " ..	4,31,100	4,91,509
	<hr/> 61,830	<hr/> 76,041
Less Donations received (after allocation to funds and accounts) ..		64,322
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Deficit for the year ..		11,719
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The collections for Adyar Day inclusive of Rs. 63.82 carried forward from last year amounted to Rs. 26,504.21. Of this sum a major portion amounting to Rs. 19,273.25 was generously contributed by members in U.S.A. During the year other donations and bequests received amounted to Rs. 50,422.15. The President allocated the amount to various funds as per details given below:

			Rs.	nP.
Olcott Harijan Free Schools ..	..	..	1,000	00
Adyar Library ..	..	..	2,000	00
Besant Theosophical School ..	..	..	1,000	00
Welfare Fund ..	..	..	2,500	00
President's Discretionary Fund	1,000	00
Faithful Service Fund	5,000	00
Sum made available for the T. S.	64,322	15
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			76,822	15
Retained for further allocation	104	21
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			76,926	36
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Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund.—

At the beginning of the official year, the amount in this fund was Rs. 10,42,885/-. Donations and bequests received during the year amounted to Rs. 1,89,027/- bringing the total at September 30, 1958 to Rs. 12,31,912/-. The target set for the Fund is Rs. 20 lakhs and accordingly the fund is still open for contributions.

The Faithful Service Fund.—The amount in the fund at the commencement of the year was Rs. 59,395/-. For the year the total amount disbursed to beneficiaries amounted to Rs. 9,144/-. The balance at credit of the fund at the close of the year was Rs. 58,723/- inclusive of interest, Adyar Day Allocation and other donations received during the year.

Investments.—The proceeds of certain bequests received could not be invested earlier as these came to us at the close of the official year. However, we have since invested the amount in certain Government Securities. These will be reflected in the next annual statement.

Repairs and Renewals (Rs. 57,786).—The total expense incurred under this head was more than the budgeted amount as some of the houses were very old and needed urgent major repairs.

Garden Department.—On account of better yield from coconuts, paddy, etc., this department closed with a deficit of

Rs. 1,509/- as against a budgeted deficit of Rs. 6,300/-.

Watch and Ward and Sanitation.—The expenditure in these two departments was within the budget limits.

Leadbeater Chambers.—The year closed with a considerably reduced deficit of Rs. 787/- in this department.

Laundry.—This department showed a slight excess of deficit over the budget.

Bhojanasala.—The deficit of Rs. 2,600/- is slightly more than anticipated as the newly revised rates came into operation only during the latter part of the year. However it is an improvement of Rs. 973 over last year.

Engineering Department.—This year closed with a surplus and this fact was due to increased volume of repair work completed.

Vasanta Press.—After appropriation of a contribution to the Gratuities Fund of Rs. 3,300, this department shows a small surplus as against deficits in the past few years.

Our budget for the new year, 1958-59 shows a deficit of Rs. 67,270/-. As pointed out in last year's report, this deficit can only be met by donations from members.

EDWIN N. LORD,

Hony. Treasurer.

THE REPORT OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

THE T. S. INCOME AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT

Budget	EXPENSE								Rs.	nP.
Rs.										
38,000	To Establishment—Salaries and Wages	...	...	...	...	...	...	38,805	56
30,000	„ Repairs and Renewals	...	...	...	...	...	...	57,786	05
3,500	„ Light and Water	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,522	56
7,000	„ Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,104	03
3,000	„ Postages, Telegrams and Telephones	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,321	90
4,000	„ Printing and Stationery	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,089	61
14,000	„ Taxes	...	...	...	...	...	...	14,980	00
700	„ Publications to General Secretaries	...	...	...	...	...	...	763	00
300	„ Museum and Archives	...	...	...	...	...	...	140	74
4,500	„ Convention, 1957	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,757	04
„ Departmental Results:										
		Expense		Income		Net				
		Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.			
46,400	Garden	50,117	28	48,607	86	— 1,509	42			
14,000	Watch and Ward	15,858	79	2,593	35	— 13,265	44			
5,000	Sanitation	3,983	52	1,209	37	— 2,774	15			
3,500	Dispensary	5,309	56	1,005	09	— 4,304	47			
2,800	Leadbeater Chambers	18,756	53	17,969	08	— 787	45			
2,000	Laundry	8,385	73	6,070	23	— 2,315	50			
2,200	Bhojanasala	12,490	23	9,889	89	— 2,600	34			
	Engineering Department	1,30,091	45	1,31,932	74	+ 1,841	29			
3,000	Vasanta Press	1,51,359	11	1,51,665	75	+ 306	64			
		3,96,352	20	3,70,943	36	— 25,408	84	25,408	84	
								1,60,679	33	
„ Appropriations:										
5,000	To Adyar Library	...	...	...	...	5,000	00		
5,000	„ The School of the Wisdom	...	...	...	...	5,000	00		
6,600	„ The President's Travelling Fund	...	...	...	...	6,600	00		
								16,600	00	
18,800	„ Depreciation:									
	On Immovable Property @ 2%	...	...	...	...	14,416	63		
	„ Movable Property	...	...	...	...	4,544	41		
	„ "Gulistan" @ 2%	...	...	...	...	365	40		
								19,326	44	
								1,96,605	77	

ADYAR
17th December, 1958

For The Theosophical Society,
EDWIN N. LORD,
Hony. Treasurer.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 1958

INCOME						Budget	
		Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	
By Rent (including Leadbeater Chambers and Bhojanasala)	51,911	51	50,000	
„ Fees and Dues ...			...	25,582	41	25,000	
„ Interest:							
Earned ...		40,707	14			40,040	
Less Interest on Funds and Accounts ...		9,229	33				
				31,477	81		
„ Net Income from Casuarina ...			...	4,461	97	4,000	
„ Donations:							
Balance 1-10-1957 ...		63	82				
Received during the year ...		76,862	54				
				76,926	36		
Less Allocations and Grants ...		12,500	00				
				64,426	36		
Less Carried forward ...		104	21				
				64,322	15		
„ Administration Charges ...			...	7,130	00	7,130	
„ Excess of Expense over Income for the year ...			...	11,719	92		
				1,96,605	77		

Examined and found correct,
V. SOUNDARARAJAN & CO.,
Chartered Accountants

BALANCE SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES							
Capital:		Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
Balance at Oct. 1, 1957 ...	...	...	...	10,03,987	83		
Less Adyar Library (see below) ...	...	...	...	1,88,429	86		
				8,15,557	97		
Less Excess of Expense over Income	...	...	...	11,719	92		
				8,03,838	05		
Add Adyar Library (see separate Account)	...	...	...	1,89,167	90	9,93,005	95
Other Departments:							
Bhojanasala ...	...	2,774	84				
Engineering Department ...	...	73,411	83				
Garden Department ...	...	71,780	28				
Laundry ...	...	1,074	04				
Leadbeater Chambers ...	...	2,446	87				
Vasanta Press ...	...	1,62,799	32				
		3,14,287	18				
Funds (see notes below)							
Of the Society Interest Bearing:—							
Adyar Library Endowment Fund (a)	...	99,019	84				
Adyar Library Building Fund (b)	...	1,34,893	49				
Adyar Besant Commemorative Fund (c)	...	12,31,912	81				
Miscellaneous Funds (a)	...	1,05,685	71				
do. do. (d)	...	14,325	74				
		15,85,837	59				
Of the Society Non-Interest Bearing:—							
President's Travelling Fund ...	...	12,987	07	15,98,824	66		
Of Others:—							
Interest Bearing ...	...	35,286	44				
Non-Interest Bearing ...	...	61,925	64	97,212	08	16,96,036	74
						84,804	54
Sundry Deposits ...	...	...	...			6,729	98
Sundry Creditors ...	...	...	...	
Adyar Library:							
Miscellaneous Funds ...	...	...	...	19,800	76		
Sundry Creditors ...	...	...	...	2,355	97		
Gratuities Reserve ...	...	...	...	11,600	49		
						33,757	22
Reserves:							
Electrical Line ...	...	...	...	6,000	00		
Meter and Water Line Renewal ...	...	...	...	4,000	00		
Supplemental Welfare Fund ...	...	...	...	41	91		
Adyar Day Unallocated ...	...	...	...	104	21		
Water Tank ...	...	...	...	2,000	00		
Special Purposes Fund ...	...	...	...	15,035	72	27,181	84
Note.—(a) Capital and Interest available for specific purposes.							
(b) Interest available for general purposes.							
(c) Interest only available for general purposes.							
(d) Interest only available for specific purposes.							
						28,41,516	27

SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 1958

PROPERTY AND ASSETS							
				Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
Immovable Property:							
Balance at Oct. 1, 1957							
Lands at Adyar	...	...	1,93,857	81			
Buildings	...	...	7,20,831	70			
Add Improvements during the year	...	...				9,14,689	51
						21,562	88
Less Depreciation Reserve	...	...				9,36,252	39
						3,10,209	78
Land in Sindh	...	...			
"Gulistan," Kotagiri:							
Balance at Oct. 1, 1957	...	...				18,270	05
Add Additions	...	...				1,899	67
Less Depreciation Reserve	...	...				20,169	72
						2,502	88
Movable Properties, Adyar:							
Balance at Oct. 1, 1957	...	...				79,247	65
Sales realized	...	...				1,508	65
Add Additions during the year	...	...				77,739	00
						1,000	64
Less Depreciation Reserve	...	...				78,739	64
						56,704	56
Investments at Cost:							
Government of India Loan 2½% to 4% F. V. 7,83,500	...	...				7,72,714	18
Madras State Govt. Loan 2½% to 4½% F. V. 1,54,600	...	...				1,54,545	30
United Kingdom Loan, etc.	...	...				3,03,180	70
Surrender Value of Life Policy	...	...				27,700	00
Miscellaneous	...	...				11,243	27
(Includes Vasanta Press Provident Fund Investment in Govt. of India Securities F. V. Rs. 14,000—cost Rs. 13,948.75)	...	...			
Interest accrued on Investments	...	...			
Fees and Dues Outstanding	...	...			
Sundry Debtors	...	...				97,371	43
Less Rentals billed in Advance	...	...				2,069	53
Departmental Assets:							
Electrical Installation, less Depreciation	...	...				23,672	00
Tools, Implements, Utensils and Equipment	...	...				23,427	00
Printing Machinery	...	...				90,194	00
Supplies on hand	...	...				1,05,751	48
Accounts Recoverable and Advances	...	...				86,760	05
Cash on hand	...	...				1,038	00
Advance Rentals	...	...				52	00
Standing Crops	...	...				66,277	49
Prepaid Fire Insurance Premium	...	...				2,211	63
Adyar Library:							
Books and Manuscripts	...	...	1,50,202	00		3,99,383	65
Furniture, less Depreciation	...	...	27,705	49			
Stock of Publications	...	...	22,809	78			
Miscellaneous	...	...	1,823	08			
Cash:							
Fixed Deposit	...	...				535	26
In Madras Banks on Current Account	...	...				1,53,716	41
In London Bank do.	...	...				4,924	17
On hand	...	...				9,293	71
(Includes Vasanta Press Employees Provident Fund Cash Rs. 599-66)							

ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1958

25,582 41

FAITHFUL SERVICE FUND

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30-9-1958

DISBURSEMENTS

Rs. nP.

To Payments to Beneficiaries ...	9,142	45
„ Money Order and Bank Com- missions ...	1	80
„ Balance carried over ...	58,723	57
	<u>67,867</u>	<u>82</u>

RECEIPTS

Rs. nP.

By Opening Balance ...	59,395	95
„ Donations including Adyar Day Allocation ...	6,998	78
„ Rent ...	120	00
„ Interest ...	1,353	09
	<u>67,867</u>	<u>82</u>

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PRESIDENT'S
TRAVELLING FUND

RECEIVED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1958

						Rs. nP.
Action Lodge, England	£	5-0- 0	..	..	..	66 00
T.S. in Netherlands	£	18-16- 3	..	..	..	249 95
The T.S. in England	£	50- 0- 0	..	..	..	664 36
The T.S. in Scotland			..	..	..	132 10
Mr. Russell M. Bailey, U.S.A.	\$	186.00	..	..	..	866 34
Mrs. Rose C. Blakey, U.S.A.	\$	10.00	..	..	..	47 22
Col. Juan Cruz Bustillo, Habana	\$	10.00	..	..	..	46 72
Mr. S. H. Vaswani, Adyar			..	..	..	2 00
Srimati Parpatibai Vaswani, Adyar			..	..	..	1 00
Mr. G. H. Hall, Ojai			..	..	..	100 00
Mr. S. T. Kaliappan, Sellappanpalayam			..	..	..	10 00
Francis Mulliner Lee Legacy			238 85
Anonymous			132 87
						<u>2,557 41</u>

THE T.S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1958-59

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For The Theosophical Society,
EDWIN N. LORD,
Hony. Treasurer.

THE ADYAR LIBRARY

PUBLICATIONS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30-9-1958

	Rs.	nP.		Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
To Stock on hand, 1-10-'57 ...	24,569	89	By Sales including sub- scription to Brahma Vidya ...			10,507	67
„ Cost of Publications in- cluding Brahma Vidya ...	4,857	45	„ Stock on hand 30-9-'58 ...	45,495	56		
„ Surplus ...	3,890	11	Less write down ...	22,685	78	22,809	78
	33,317	45				33,317	45

For The Theosophical Society,

EDWIN N. LORD,

Hony. Treasurer.

17th December, 1958.

Examined and found correct.

V. SOUNDARARAJAN & CO.

Chartered Accountants.

THE REPORT OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

INCOME AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT OF THE

Budget							
	EXPENSE					Rs.	nP.
Rs.							
25,000	To Salaries and Wages	...	...	...	...	25,502	73
900	„ Repairs, Lighting and Conservancy	...	...	...	...	1,123	53
600	„ Postages	...	...	...	...	548	80
1,800	„ Printing and Stationery	...	...	...	...	1,869	07
200	„ Fire Insurance	...	...	...	...	211	25
1,500	„ Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	1,319	06
1,500	„ Reserve for Gratuities	...	...	...	...	1,500	00
900	„ Reserve for Depreciation	...	...	...	...	863	00
						32,937	44
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE							
500	Books, Manuscripts and Journals	553 04		
500	Furniture etc.	185 00		
						738	04
						33,675	48

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

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ADYAR LIBRARY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30-9-58

INCOME						Rs.	nP.	Budget
								Rs.
By T.S. Contribution	5,000	00	5,000
" Adyar Day Allocation and other Donations	...	...	...	...	...	3,413	61	2,000
" Miscellaneous Receipts	...	...	...	...	...	596	32	500
" Interest on Endowments	...	...	...	...	...	5,694	07	6,000
" Copying and Comparing Charges	...	...	...	...	...	689	58	
" Publications Account	...	...	...	...	...	3,890	11	4,000
Total Income						19,283	69	
" Deduction from Endowment Fund	...	...	...	...	...	14,391	79	
						33,675	48	

Examined and found correct.

V. SOUNDARARAJAN & CO.,

Chartered Accountants.

BALANCE SHEET OF THE

LIABILITIES AND FUNDS				Rs.	nP.	Rs.	nP.
<i>Endowment Fund:</i>							
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	...	...	...	1,10,847	38		
Add Receipts during the year	...	...	...	3,000	00		
				1,13,847	38		
Less Retransfer to Donations Box	...	...	...	435	75		
				1,13,411	63		
Less Excess of Expense over Income	...	...	...	14,391	79	99,019	84
<i>Building Fund:</i>							
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	...	...	...	1,16,915	64		
Add Receipts during the year	...	...	...	17,977	85	1,34,893	49
<i>Capital Fund:</i>							
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	...	...	...	1,88,429	86		
Add Capital expense during the year	...	...	...	738	04	1,89,167	90
<i>Publications Fund:</i>							
As per last Balance Sheet	...	...	...	...	...	17,814	72
<i>Gratuities Reserve:</i>							
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	...	...	...	10,100	49		
Additions during the year	...	...	...	1,500	00	11,600	49
<i>Book Deposit:</i>							
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	...	...	...	1,491	00		
Add Receipts during the year	...	...	...	420	00		
				1,911	00		
Less Refunds	...	...	...	240	00	1,671	00
Reserve for Purchase of Books	...	...	...	...	...	1,000	00
<i>Donations Box:</i>							
Balance as per last Balance Sheet	...	...	...	540	67		
Additions during the year	...	...	...	9	62		
Add Retransfer from Endowment Fund for 1956-57 disbursements	...	...	...	435	75		
						986	04
Sundry Creditors	...	...	...	...	...	684	97
						4,56,838	45

ADYAR

17th December, 1958

For The Theosophical Society,
 EDWIN N. LORD,
 Hony. Treasurer.

ADYAR LIBRARY AS ON 30-9-58

Examined and found correct,
V. SOUNDARARAJAN & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

THE ADYAR LIBRARY

BUDGET ESTIMATE—INCOME AND EXPENSE
ACCOUNT FOR 1958-'59

EXPENSE	Actuals for 1957-'58	Budget for 1958-'59	INCOME	Actuals for 1957-'58	Budget for 1958-'59
	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.
To Salaries and Wages ...	25,503	26,000	By T.S. Contribution ...	5,000	5,000
„ Repairs, Lighting, Water and Conservancy ...	1,123	1,000	„ Adyar Day Allocation and other Donations ...	3,413	3,300
„ Postages ...	548	600	„ Copying and Comparing Charges ...	689	
„ Miscellaneous ...	1,319	1,500	„ Interest on Endowments ...	5,694	6,000
„ Printing and Stationery ...	1,870	1,800	„ Miscellaneous Receipts ...	596	600
„ Fire Insurance ...	211	200	„ Publications Account ...	3,890	4,000
„ Gratuity Reserve ...	1,500	1,500	„ Deficit ...		14,700
„ Depreciation ...	863	1,000			
	32,937	33,600		19,282	33,600
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE					
„ Purchase of Books, Manuscripts and Journals ...	553	500			
„ Furniture ...	185	500			
	738	1,000			
PUBLICATIONS					
„ Brahma Vidya ...	4,300				
„ Lakshmi Tantra ...	7,200				
„ Sangitaratnakara ...	5,000				
	16,500				

SEETHA NEELAKANTAN,
Librarian.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

REPORTS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIES
OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETIES, OF
PRESIDENTIAL AGENTS AND OF
FEDERATION SECRETARIES

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Recording Secretary.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Every year it is deeply impressive to consider the amount of work, the innumerable activities, of Theosophical groups across the length and breadth of our country, so many of which cannot be referred to here, but altogether constituting our thoroughly active and integrated Section—a healthy and vital nucleus of the world Theosophical Society. Glancing over the year's file of *The American Theosophist* one becomes aware of the strength, and the growing extent of the Society's service. The great mark, the unique purpose of the Theosophical Society is that through the employing of the principles of Theosophy, there is provided a basis from which the individual search for Reality is stimulated, and all altruistic and idealistic pursuits are united in a world-wide service to mankind.

Field Activities.—The Section has been especially fortunate this year in receiving several outstanding guests. First among these are the President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, and his wife, Mrs. Bhagirathi Sri Ram. The President visited cities in a number of Federations from coast to coast. Reports of the success of his tour have indicated unusually large audiences, such as that in Los Angeles which was estimated at approximately 600. Beginning in New York City, Mr. Sri Ram spoke to member and public audiences in the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Florida, Texas, California and Northwest Federations, and the Lodges in Minneapolis and Toronto, before arriving at Olcott. He and Mrs. Sri Ram and Miss Elithe Nisewanger, personal secretary, were guests of the Section for the Summer Sessions at Olcott this year.

Other visitors were Dr. Laurence Bendit and Mrs. Phoebe Bendit, who came from England for a memorable three-month lecture engagement, and Miss Clara Codd, who returned to America in April to tour our Section once more.

In the fall the National President and Mrs. Perkins were guest speakers of the Illinois-Wisconsin Federation meeting in Decatur and later filled a lecture engagement in Milwaukee, then to New Orleans for the National Theosophical Conference in November. Immediately following the Conference, they left America for India to attend the International Convention at Adyar and to visit Lodges in various Sections, mostly in Europe. They returned to the U.S.A. in March. In April they travelled to Atlanta for a Mid-South Federation meeting, and to Meridian, Mississippi, for the annual Gulf Coast Federation meeting. Returning north, they were guests at the annual Convention of the Ohio Federation in Columbus and for the initiation of a new Lodge in Delaware, Ohio. Even when as this year, the National President cannot undertake tours to many Lodges, contact with Lodge presidents, and through them the Lodge members, is maintained through the National President's monthly letter *Contact*.

The Vice-President, Dr. Henry Smith, has been able to add to the heavy demands of his profession, visits to several Lodges and Federations during the year, and Mrs. Nedra Ruder also visited a number of Lodges. During the year it was possible for Miss Joy Mills, Mrs. Iris White, Mrs. Viva Emmons and Mr. Richard Brooks, from the Olcott Staff, to fill lecture

engagements in the vicinity of Headquarters, and further afield in some cases, to Michigan and Ohio. A number of Federation workers, by utilizing some assistance from the fund established two years ago by the Board of Directors, have travelled to various cities in their Federations, and some to other federated areas, lecturing to the public. All of the Directors have been active in visiting Lodges in their districts.

Spotlight.—Featured especially in our field programme for a number of years has been the concentrated employment of the Section's talent and financial and spiritual resources, known as the Spotlight work. Under this plan a series of presentations of the basic ideas and ideals of Theosophy are given in each of several selected cities, and in each one the approaching events are well publicized.

Eunice and Felix Layton have once again carried the burden of this work and have completed a season of outstanding Spotlight successes. By starting earlier than usual in the fall, and utilizing the time between each project, they were able to organize three major, and two smaller tours. Everywhere there was sustained and enthusiastic response to their efforts. In Corpus Christi, Texas, with the warm co-operation of a small but dedicated nucleus, a new Lodge was formed where previously there had been none. Then, isolated groups of Theosophists in Carlsbad and El Paso were visited, followed by a concentrated programme in the cities of Phoenix and Tucson in Arizona, situated in a vast area in which no organized Theosophical work had been done previously. This effort resulted in the formation of two more new Lodges, 17 members signing the charter application in Phoenix. Workers from the Southern California Federation have made the 1,000 mile round-trip across the

desert to help these new Lodges over their initial difficulties.

A feature of the major Spotlight tours was the enthusiasm at the larger gatherings held at the close of the tours. These were arranged to include the National Conference in New Orleans, the Southern California Federation meeting in San Diego, and the Tri-State Conference in Toledo, all very stimulating and vitalizing to the work in their respective areas. Another feature of Spotlight's engagement this year has been the outstanding publicity for Theosophy obtained on TV. And, of course, there is the sale of Theosophical literature at every lecture. Over \$1,000 worth of books were sold to the public at the Spotlight lectures this year.

In addition to these national programmes, the 15 Federations and most of the 151 Lodges have had active programmes throughout the year. The three camps, Pumpkin Hollow in New York, Indralaya on Orcas Island in Puget Sound, and Far Horizons in California, as well as The Oaks at Ann Arbor, Michigan, have all held (and are holding) stimulating and interesting sessions.

Membership.—The Section has shown substantial growth this year: 448 new members, the largest number during the past nine years, with 71 reinstatements. These additions are offset by 24 resignations (the smallest number of resignations in our records), 75 deaths, and 339 names that have become inactive. Therefore, the total active membership as at 30th September is 4,328—the largest number since 1933. Four new Lodges were formed and one official Study Group. The Section now consists of a total of 149 Lodges. When these figures are considered in the whole frame of our activities and the history of our Society, they reveal the growing strength of the Section.

National Theosophical Conference.—Each Thanksgiving week for the past

three years a National Theosophical Conference has been held, the first being in San Francisco, the next on the East Coast in New York City, and last year in New Orleans, with the Gulf Coast Federation as host, and with Dr. and Mrs. Laurence J. Bendit as guest speakers. Presided over by the National President, and with members of the National Board of Directors present, these Conferences which are national gatherings of a scope similar to the Summer Sessions at Olcott, involve preparations and planning on a like scale. The Conference in New Orleans last November was a memorable experience of unity and strength, as the 200 members present developed the programme with its theme: "Theosophy Reveals a Greater Vision of Man". The three Conferences held so far, have fully indicated the value of these national gatherings in cities distant from Headquarters, when, in a Convention atmosphere, members come together in friendliness and understanding to discuss the status and the prospects, and the high purpose of our work.

National Library.—One of our most valuable resources is the National Library, which functions both as a circulating and research library for members as well as non-members. Over 4,000 volumes were loaned during the last fiscal year, an increase of 540 over the previous year. Continuous projects are under way, or being instituted, that render the library increasingly useful.

Department of Education.—The past year has been marked by an expansion of both programme and activities in the Department of Education. One of the principal activities of the department is the loan of audio-visual aids to Lodges. Most popular are the tape-recorded lectures, of which there are now 30 available for rental by Lodges. Twenty of these tape-lectures have been added during the

past year. Tapes have been exchanged with several other Sections. During the year 62 Lodges corresponded with the department, renting audio-visual materials for public and members' programmes, consulting on study programmes, and inquiring about techniques of group presentations.

In the Research Division, the major project this year was the completion early last fall of the pilot study programme entitled "The Life Process," correlating Theosophy and modern biology. The spring Workshop under the auspices of the Education Department registered ten members. During the ten-day programme, emphasis was placed upon methods of group work and techniques of group discussion.

Department of Information.—There was a marked increase this year in all activities in the Department of Information, and 74 new members joined the Society through the department since last summer. The number of new inquirers (1,074) has increased by hundreds over the total for last year. Of these inquirers, 459 were referred to the Lodges in their area. There was a large increase in the number of publicity leaflets distributed through the department, and in the distribution of *To Those Who Mourn* pamphlets. The number of study courses handled has also increased.

The American Theosophist is the principal organ reaching the entire membership and is the official journal of the Section. Every effort is made to keep the magazine representative of the interests of the members. The Advisory Committee has continued to serve in reading and commenting on articles submitted for publication in the magazine. Twenty-six articles were considered during the past year. The Committee has been preparing suggestions on standards by which articles

are judged for publication. These will be published in the near future.

Discovery.—This leaflet, which is published monthly from September through May, is designed particularly to reach the public. Articles are chosen with special care for their general appeal to non-Theosophists. The fourth page is left blank for Lodges to imprint with notices of their public activities. During the past year over 84,000 copies of *Discovery* have been sent to 88 Lodges and Study Centres and to the Canadian Federation, representing an increase of nearly 2,000 copies over last year.

National Radio Activity.—Another substantial contribution to the National Radio Fund ensures for several more years the financing of the radio activity. The fund provides substantial help for the production work of the Foundation for Radio Theosophy and this year has made possible the broadcasting of Theosophy in 18 cities. All told, 24 stations have been broadcasting during the year.

Honorary Lecture.—For the third year there was an honorary lecture award. Delivered at the 1957 Convention, the lecture by Dr. Douglas Wild, entitled "Laws of Dramatic Perspective in Man and the Universe," achieved magnificently the aim of the series to provide a truly creative contribution to our Theosophical literature each year.

Young Theosophists.—At the annual Convention of the Young Theosophists of America held in July 1957, a fund was established to give financial assistance to a Greek boy at Camp Kolokinthou. In Ann Arbor, a large group of University of Michigan students meets regularly as a recognized student organization. Begun and directed by Young Theosophists, this group has studied various world religions, inviting as speakers representatives of religions. Several Y.T. groups are active, but generally the work of Y.T.'s consists

mainly of participation in the activities of their local Lodges.

The Theosophical Book Association for the Blind.—The Theosophical Book Association for the Blind has made great strides forward during the past year. Within a year after *The Braille Star Theosophist* was changed from a quarterly to a bi-monthly magazine, circulation rose to 800 readers from its previous 519. Publication of a new Spanish Braille bi-monthly magazine, *Eternal Sabiduria* (Eternal Wisdom), brings Theosophy to 75 of its readers in different parts of the world. Through the new department created to produce Tapes for the Blind, 80 tapes were distributed within three months. There was an increase in the number of volumes borrowed from the Braille Free Lending Library, as well as the Talking Book Department, and duplicate volumes were again added to the Braille Department of the Adyar Library. This work is accomplished through the faithful services of member transcribers and proof readers, some of whom learn the work by mail. Eight blind readers joined the Society during the year, bringing to 71 those who benefit from the special member services offered.

The Theosophical Order of Service.—A marked renewal of interest is taking place in the Theosophical Order of Service. With several Lodges reactivating their T.O.S. groups, and with many individual members engaged in serving already existing altruistic groups, Theosophical ideas and ideals are being extended through this means to people not likely to be reached through existing channels. There has been continuous activity during the year in the departments of Social Service, Animal Welfare, World Peace, Healing, the Division of Music, the To-Those-Who-Mourn Club, and the Watcher. Because of there being no one available to lead, the Right Citizenship,

International Correspondence and Arts and Crafts departments are inactive at present.

Parents' Theosophical Research Group.—The Mothers Research Group has changed its name to Parents' Theosophical Research Group. Efforts are now being concentrated on Bible Research and the study of Comparative Religion with a view to interpreting these from a Theosophical viewpoint. The exchange plan with magazines for parents and social welfare groups printed in other countries has continued. The Group's activities not only effectively carry out their main object, "To promote a realization of the spiritual aspect of parenthood and family life," but through contacts with people active in fields of child welfare, parents are introduced to Theosophy. An index

of all Bulletins issued since 1935 has been prepared.

In closing this report it should be said that the year 1957-58 has been surrounding us with evidences of an increasing need for the universal employment of principles which Theosophy so fully supports. And it must be with deep gratitude that we find our lives so richly blessed with opportunities to labor together toward spreading the realization of these principles—particularly that of Universal Brotherhood—which includes the Elder Brothers of Humanity. We can look forward to the coming year greatly encouraged by this report, and inspired to pursue with increased effort and one-pointedness, our great cause.

JAMES S. PERKINS,
General Secretary.

ENGLAND

I regret to have to report a further decline in our membership, which is now 2,789, representing a loss of 129 for the year. You will notice that this report covers a whole year, and it might be that the tide has slowed down in the last months. But this we shall only be able to judge at a later date.

During the year we had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Perkins on their return from Adyar, but this was sadly marred by Mr. Perkins' illness.

The annual Convention was held as usual at Whitsuntide and was well attended. There was no guest speaker, but there were a number of useful addresses. The Blavatsky Lecture was given by Colonel K. Chodkiewicz under the title "Physical Forces and Spiritual Intelligences". There was an interesting general feeling at the Convention—and indeed at very many of our meetings in the provinces

and elsewhere—of the need for broadening the basis of our thinking; that we need to find new methods of work, perhaps along the lines of discussions rather than lectures. There is a great deal of difficulty in finding good lecturers, especially when these involve tours to small Lodges.

The English Section had no Summer School this year, but the English-speaking Region held one in Derbyshire, the attendance being about 180. An innovation there was an unscheduled discussion meeting at which Dr. Corona Trew took the chair and invited some of the younger members to take part, but which was attended also by members of all ages. This meeting arose out of some private discussion Dr. Trew had had, and its purpose was to ventilate freely questions of family relationships, marriage, sex, and other topics of much concern in the sphere of society. So much interest was shown

that it is felt that such a forum should be held often at Summer Schools and other gatherings. Several of the Federations held conferences over Easter and at other times in their own areas.

The Research Centre continues its work through groups, lecture courses and publications. It held weekend conferences at Camberley, Manchester and Bristol. These were well attended, the numbers being greater each year.

It is worth noting that, apart from this, Tekels Park Estate, Camberley, is becoming a centre of increasing work. A number of weekend conferences have taken place there, some under the direct auspices of the Camberley Lodge, some organized by the Estate Board. These have usually taken up all available accommodation, both in the guest-house and in houses around, as well as bringing many day-visitors. In addition, the camps there—mainly attended, of course, by young people, though there is no upper age limit—are a regular feature, in which the Theosophical bias is now definitely established.

The Study and Training Committee has embarked on a study course on "The Fundamentals of Theosophy". The first section is entitled "Karma and Human Responsibility," while the second is to be on "The Law of Cyclic Growth," which naturally brings in the question of reincarnation. It is hoped that these courses can be drafted in such a way that they can be taken at various levels from a simple study of the general subject to the

deepest philosophical considerations. It remains to be seen how these work out.

The General Secretary and Miss Kenderdine officially represented the Section at the European Federation Council which was held during the Summer School of the German Section at Rendsburg. Mr. John Coats was also present, though not as an official representative of the English Section.

The Publicity Department continues its work and has issued several new leaflets. The library of tape-recorded lectures is being well used.

Approximately 7,500 books have been exchanged by the Library during the year. The increased cost of postage, however, has diminished the number of postal inquiries.

Apart from the work of the Society as such, the Theosophical Order of Service continues its function.

The Theosophical Publishing House reports the following publications during the year: (Reprints)—*The Solar System*, A. E. Powell; *Vital Magnetic Healing*, A. Gardner; *Health and the Spiritual Life*, G. Hodson; *Clairvoyant Research and the Life After Death*, G. Hodson. (New Publications)—*Physical Forces and Spiritual Intelligences* (Blavatsky Lecture 1958), K. Chodkiewicz; *The Creative Power*, C. Codd (previously only in an American edition).

During the year the undersigned was elected General Secretary.

L. J. BENDIT,
General Secretary.

INDIA

The year under report has been one of steady progress as evidenced by facts and figures mentioned in these pages. It has

to be remembered that the work of an organization like the Theosophical Society cannot be judged in terms of quantitative

measurement. Our membership of 7,090 in India constitutes a microscopic minority in a population of more than 380 millions. Reports reaching us from all parts of India indicate that quite a large number of people, though not members, do attend Theosophical meetings and read the vast literature of Theosophy, that Theosophical lectures are being attended by an ever-increasing number of people, and that there is more and more demand for Theosophical lecturers. This is certainly most encouraging—but even when these numbers are taken into account, the Theosophical Movement must be considered a *minority* movement. History, however, testifies to the fact that all such movements as the Theosophical Society have been minority movements in all ages. Arnold Toynbee, the great historian, describes such minorities as *Creative Minorities*, providing new strength and vitality for the spiritual regeneration of humanity. It has to be remembered that there is no virtue in being just a minority—it is the Creative Minority which is the vitalizing force of human civilization. Can the Theosophical Society in India describe itself as a Creative Minority? If it is just a minority, it will degenerate itself into a sect—as ineffective as numerous other sects in the world. When does a minority become a Creative Minority? The following words of H. P. B. help us to understand this question:

“Every such attempt as the Theosophical Society has hitherto ended in failure because, sooner or later, it has degenerated into a sect, set up hard and fast dogmas of its own, and so lost by imperceptible degrees that vitality which living Truth alone can impart.”

Are the members of the Theosophical Society in India, small though in numbers they may be, in touch with living Truth or are they seeking shelter in dogmas and

creeds—it is this which will decide whether we can call ourselves a Creative Minority or just an ineffective minority moving towards the formation of a sect. A vitalizing touch of living Truth is an experience which is possible only at the individual level although such an individual becomes a nucleus for fundamental transformation at the collective level. And so, in the ultimate analysis, the strength of the Theosophical Society is to be judged by the quality of living of its individual members. We must seek our strength more and more in the quality, rather than in mere quantity, for thus alone shall we be enabled to play an effective role as a Creative Minority in the building up of a new order of human civilization.

The President.—During the year the President presided over the Gujarati and Bombay Theosophical Federations held at Bhavnagar and Bombay respectively. For more than five months he and Srimati Bhagirathi Sri Ram were out of India visiting the U.S.A., Europe and Pakistan. We are very happy to note that the President has throughout the year maintained good health in spite of these extensive tours. We pray that he may long be spared to guide the Theosophical movement throughout the world.

Lecture Tours.—Srimati Shridevi Mehta and I were out of India for five months during the year, visiting Theosophical Lodges in Ceylon, Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, Singapore and Malaya. Apart from whatever help we could give to the work in these different Sections, our visits have to a certain extent brought these Sections and the Indian Section closer together. During the year we were able to visit a few Lodges in the Bihar, Bengal, Madras, Gujarati, Bombay, Madhya-Pradesh-Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh Federations. I presided over the annual sessions of the Uttar

Pradesh and Madhya-Pradesh-Rajasthan Federations held at Allahabad and Gwalior respectively.

During the year, the Executive Committee of the Indian Section appointed two National Lecturers under the Panda Baijnath Endowment Fund. They were Sri Ramachandra Shukla and Sri S. G. Venkataramanan.

During the year Sri S. G. Venkataramanan visited 62 Lodges of the Indian Section—out of these 18 were in Andhra, 7 in Delhi, 10 in Madras, 7 in Rayalaseema and 20 in Tamil areas. Besides delivering lectures in Theosophical Lodges and contacting members, he addressed meetings under the auspices of educational institutions, Rotary Clubs and Women's Associations.

Sri Ramachandra Shukla visited 56 Lodges in Karnataka, Marathi, Bombay, Gujarati, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar Federations. He, too, addressed a large number of meetings arranged by other organizations in addition to talks and lectures he gave under the auspices of Theosophical Lodges.

Thus the two National Lecturers during the year covered 12 out of 14 Federations of the Indian Section and visited between them 118 Lodges. We are grateful to our National Lecturers for these extensive tours, and our debt of gratitude to Sri Panda Baijnath cannot be adequately expressed in words for having placed at the disposal of the Indian Section Rs. 50,000 as Endowment for National Lecturers.

Sri M. Subramaniam presided over the Bengal Theosophical Federation held at Cuttack and also visited Calcutta, Bombay and the Lodges of the Andhra Circars Federation. He visited Karachi in Pakistan, where he lectured on Theosophical and allied subjects.

During the year Mrs. M. R. Dhalla visited Lodges in the Gujarati and Marathi Federations.

Miss Mary Graham, who was for sometime National Lecturer of the New Zealand Section, toured the Lodges of the Indian Section in the Andhra Circars and the Delhi Federations.

Sri D. M. Vaswani visited Lodges of the Kerala, Tamil, Rayalaseema, Bengal and Bihar Federations.

There are also quite a number of other lecturers whose main field of work is the Federation area to which they belong.

Passed Over.—During the year 55 members of the Indian Section passed over. Among these special mention must be made of Dr. Bhagavan Das, Sri Manjeri Rama Iyer, Dr. Shri Ram, Sri M. G. Kanitkar, Sri D. G. Kale and Sri Baijnath Bhargava, for their long association with the Society as very active members and for their outstanding contributions to the work in general, each in his particular sphere of activity.

Membership.—We closed the year 1956-57 with a membership of 7,051. During the year 712 new members joined the Indian Section and 165 former members revived their membership. As against this, 12 resigned, 55 passed away, and 773 members had to be dropped due to non-payment of annual dues. It may be noted that the number of lapsed members is largely due to the dissolution of the Youth Federation. Thus, we close the year 1957-58 with a membership of 7,090—a nett increase of 39 members.

Lodges and Centres.—We closed last year with 413 chartered Lodges. During the year, 11 new Lodges were formed in seven Federations, and one Lodge of the Tamil Federation was revived. As against this, 17 Lodges were dissolved. Thus, we close the year with 408 Lodges. Similarly, we began the year with 47 Centres. During the year, 4 new Centres were formed, 3 Centres were raised to Lodge status, and one Centre was dissolved. We close the year with 47 Centres. Thus

we have 455 units of our organization spread all over the country.

Regional Study Camp.—During the year, one Regional Study Camp was held at Adyar under the direction of Dr. C. R. Kamath, who has donated a large amount, the interest of which is being used for the management of these Camps every year. This Camp enables our members in the six South Indian Federations to meet annually at Adyar for refresher courses as also for the training of new workers.

A Study Camp was held at Gwalior during the year, under the direction of Sri S. N. Chowdhury and Sri Gurudas Phansalkar. Although it was not a Regional Camp, I am making special mention of it because I had stated in my previous reports that we should have four permanent Centres of such Camps in India. So far, we have tried with success Adyar, Varanasi and Bombay as Centres for the Regional Camps. I now feel convinced that Gwalior can serve as the fourth Centre for our Regional Camps.

Between these four Centres, we can cover all the Federations for Regional Camps as indicated below:

(a) *Adyar*: Tamil, Kerala, Karnataka, Madras, Andhra Circars and Rayalaseema Federations.

(b) *Varanasi*: Bengal, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh Federations.

(c) *Gwalior*: Delhi and Madhya Pradesh-Rajasthan Federations.

(d) *Bombay*: Bombay, Gujarati and Marathi Federations.

Study Camps.—In the course of the last few years, some of the Federations have increasingly used the methods of Study Camps in their areas for the benefit of their members. During last year, such Camps were held in the Gujarati, Bihar, Madhya-Pradesh-Rajasthan, Andhra, Karnataka and Rayalaseema Federations. A Youth Study Camp was held in the Uttar Pradesh Federation. These Camps ar-

ranged by the Federations range from two days to seven days' duration and are very useful for Theosophical work.

Youth Committee.—The All-India Federation of Young Theosophists was declared dissolved with effect from 1st October 1957 as there was not a sufficient number of Youth Lodges to warrant the continuance of a separate Youth Federation. At the Indian Section Council meeting held in December 1957, it was decided to authorize the Executive Committee of the Indian Section to appoint a Youth Committee for organizing Theosophical work among youth. In accordance with this directive, the Executive Committee appointed a Youth Committee in February 1958 with Dr. Chittaranjan Agarwal as its Convener. The four existing Youth Lodges at Adyar, Bombay, Broach and Varanasi have now been affiliated to the Madras, Bombay, Gujarati and Uttar Pradesh Federations respectively.

It is very necessary that work among the youth should be carried on effectively so that in this critical period in the life of the younger generation, when a great deal of confusion of values has taken place, the youth of India may be helped towards a discovery of the true values of life. It is because of the importance of this work that I wish to suggest to all the Federation authorities to appoint Youth Committees in their areas. Such Committees should be composed of both the young and the old, and they should address themselves to the task of studying the problems of youth and of evolving suitable ways and means to deal with those problems.

Theosophical Conferences.—Apart from the various Federation Conferences that are regularly held in different parts of the country, there has been a practice established for the last few years to have a South India Theosophical Conference at

Adyar and a North India Conference at Varanasi. While the South India Conference is held every year, the North India Conference is arranged every alternate year. This year the South India Conference was held under the Chairmanship of Miss Emma Hunt, the Recording Secretary of the Theosophical Society. As the Convention is meeting at Varanasi this year, no North India Conference was held this time.

Education.—The year 1958-59 constitutes the Diamond Jubilee of Educational Work, initiated by Dr. Besant with the starting of the Central Hindu School and College at Varanasi. Ever since then Theosophists in India have been actively connected with educational work. This year, many Lodges of the Indian Section are planning to celebrate an Education Week to focus the attention of the people on the fundamentals of education. In India, at present, we seem to be faced with the same situation with which Dr. Besant was faced in 1898 so far as the country's education is concerned. Theosophists can play an active role in the re-shaping of India's education by bringing the light of Theosophy to bear upon the problems of education. The education of the educator is today of prime importance and in this work an active participation by Theosophists has become imperative. Every Section of the Theosophical Society has its own distinctive feature. In India, it is the contribution that Theosophists have made in the field of education. So far, this work has been mainly along the lines of starting schools and colleges. Let us hope that in the Diamond Jubilee year of our educational work, the scope of it will be widened.

Lodge Work.—From an organizational standpoint, the Lodge is the most important unit of the Theosophical Society—and so the vitalization of Lodge work

must be a matter of deep concern to all. There are two main branches of Lodge work: (1) concerning the members, and (2) concerning the public. For the branch of work concerning the members, we need to bear in mind the following:

(a) A closer contact between members so that there is a real bond of friendship among them.

(b) A clearer understanding of the Theosophical approach to life through study, discussion and free exchange of views.

(c) An active association of members in different aspects of Lodge work and administration.

Concerning the Lodge work, with reference to the public, the following seem to be important:

(a) A linking up of Theosophy with the problems of man.

(b) A valiant defence of the freedom of the individual both as to thought as well as action.

(c) A co-operative association with all movements that stand for the unification of mankind and for the freedom of the individual.

I feel that the Campaign for Key Lodges which was initiated last year should follow the above line for the intensification of Lodge work. I trust during 1958-59 we will be able to proceed at a greatly quickened tempo towards making the Key Lodges really vital centres of work.

The Theosophical Review.—The Section journal, which has become quite an effective medium for our work, has grown in recent times and is serving a real need. It is true that the journal involves considerable expenditure—more so at present due to a rise in the cost of paper—and yet this expenditure is necessary for the growth of our work in India.

Section Headquarters.—The work at the Section Headquarters has gone on

steadily and smoothly. During my absence from the Headquarters, Sri G. R. Venkatram acted as General Secretary and Sri Damodar Prasad acted as Assistant General Secretary. I am very grateful to both these colleagues for carrying on the work in my absence. At the Headquarters, the following are the several branches of work: Indian Section Office; Section Journal; The Indian Book Shop; The Section Library; Buildings and Roads; Garden; Sanitation; Watch and Ward; The Besant Theosophical School; The Vasanta Kanya Mahavidyalaya; The Bharatiya Sangeet Vidyalaya.

I would like to mention here that during the year "Shanti Kunj" was completely renovated. It was in a very bad condition and would have completely collapsed if renovation had not been undertaken this year. Thus what Dr. Besant called her "Home" has been saved.

Conclusion.—From an objective standpoint, there never was a more opportune time for the work of the Theosophical Society than there is today. Political frustrations, economic insecurity, emotional maladjustments and ideological uncertain-

ties, have forced men and women of this generation to seek out the permanent in the midst of the impermanent. This is indeed modern man's search for a Soul. It is in this soil of search and inquiry that the seeds of Theosophy can be effectively sown.

But the question that stares us in the face is: Where are the Workers? We want more and more Workers in the field—not so much at the Headquarters. The call of the Theosophical Society has gone forth. I feel sure that an enthusiastic answer will come from our members. Let each member find out what he can give—his time, his abilities, his resources—and let this be given without any reservation. It is with the generous offering of each member that we shall be able to raise a superstructure, fine and majestic, where the human individual will grow in absolute freedom—unfolding the Divine potentialities that are in him, thus contacting a higher dimension of living wherewith to create a New Civilization based on the Spiritual Fellowship of Man.

ROHIT MEHTA,
General Secretary.

AUSTRALIA

The outstanding event in the Australian Section during the past year was the three months' tour by Mr. Rohit Mehta, General Secretary of the Indian Section, and Mrs. Shridevi Mehta. Arriving in Perth, West Australia, in March, they visited in turn Melbourne, Ballarat and Cooma, before going for a month to New Zealand. Returning to this country in June, they continued their tour with visits to Sydney, Newcastle, Brisbane and Toowoomba. Both Mr. and Mrs. Mehta attracted large and enthusiastic audiences

and spoke for many outside organizations. They made a very deep impression on all who heard them, and helped the Theosophical work in Australia immeasurably. We hope it will not be long before they come once again to our shores.

The Annual Convention of the Section was held in Adelaide at Easter time, with Mr. Rohit Mehta and Mrs. Shridevi Mehta as guest speakers, and with representatives present from all the eastern States. This was followed by an outstandingly successful Easter School, which

was held at Mt. Lofty, near Adelaide, in a very beautiful setting. Again Mr. and Mrs. Mehta were the chief speakers and they helped to bring the discussions to a high level.

General Secretary.—Miss Helen V. Zahara, A.A.S.A., former Recording Secretary of the International Society, was re-elected for a second term of office. Mrs. Joyce Carr relinquished her office as Assistant General Secretary in July, after serving very ably in the Section Office for six years. Mrs. V. Bradley was appointed in her place.

During the year Miss Zahara undertook extensive lecture tours, with visits to Brisbane, Toowoomba, Newcastle, Melbourne, Ballarat, Adelaide, Perth, Gosnells, Fremantle, Hobart and Launceston. This was the first time for more than twenty years that a General Secretary was away from the Headquarters for any lengthy tours, and it is felt that the contacts made were most useful in strengthening the links between the Lodges and the Headquarters in this vast country.

Field Work.—Miss Florence Pulsford (now Mrs. E. Czuczka) returned to Australia in October 1957 after six years in Adyar, and en route to Sydney gave a series of lectures each for Perth, Adelaide and Melbourne Lodges. She visited also Gosnells, Fremantle and Ballarat Lodges and spoke for other organizations. After her arrival in Sydney, where she also spoke, she paid visits to Wollongong and Newcastle.

Early in 1958, Miss Pulsford undertook extended visits to some of the smaller Lodges, conducting study classes and lectures. She spent three months in Cooma, and nearly three months in North Queensland with the Lodges in Cairns, Atherton and Townsville, visiting also Rockhampton. She concluded the tour with a three weeks stay in Brisbane when visits were also made to Too-

woomba. Her services for the Section have been much appreciated and her work has been most valuable.

Lodges.—Since our last report one new Lodge at Townsville, Queensland, has been chartered, bringing the total number of Lodges in the Section to 18. The Lodges generally have continued with their regular activities and programmes.

Expansion Programme.—Various projects undertaken as part of the programme to assist Lodges with their activities were continued. Among the items developed were the following: Illustrated study courses and lectures (slides accompanied by scripts); Slide Library; Elementary study course; Reading lists of books on various subjects; Programmes for anniversaries; Tape recordings; Leaflets and pamphlets. We have received valuable material from other Sections, mainly U.S.A., for which we are very grateful.

Broadcasting.—The Section continues to conduct a weekly session from Station 2GB in Sydney, with a varied programme. Melbourne Lodge sponsors a weekly session from 3TR Sale, Victoria, which covers a wide country area.

Section Journal: Theosophy in Australia.—This is published every two months, and is edited by the General Secretary.

Membership.—We are pleased to report a nett increase of 22 members, bringing the total for the year to 1,238.

Young Theosophists.—Groups in the larger Lodges continue to be active. At Christmas time the Young Theosophists conducted a very successful Summer School in Melbourne.

The Theosophical Order of Service.—Fine work is being done by groups in the capital city Lodges, the members rendering social service in various fields of activity.

General.—Because of the great distances in this country, it is very difficult to have

many inter-Lodge contacts. Even at Convention time some of the more distant Lodges are very seldom represented. For this reason, the building of a greater Section consciousness is being continually stressed, for members and Lodges everywhere, no matter how isolated, represent important links in our movement and can help to strengthen the whole. In this ancient land our young

and vigorous nation is passing through a time of tremendous development, and there is a challenge for the members and Lodges to continue to provide a vital programme and a meeting ground for those seeking to understand the deeper values expressed through the Ancient Wisdom.

HELEN V. ZAHARA,
General Secretary.

SWEDEN

During the year our work has continued as usual with activities more and more concentrated in a few Lodges in the larger towns, this being a natural development of the work, as the distances are too great and the number of available travelling lecturers too small to keep in constant touch with the more remote parts of the country. As some of these faraway Lodges have for several years existed merely in name, the Section has finally accepted their dissolution. During last year, the list of members has also been thoroughly revised. As a result, the number of members shows a considerable decrease which is not, however, felt in reality. The work goes on with quite as much interest as ever.

Public lectures have regularly been held in many Lodges apart from the usual private meetings. Lecturers from Stockholm have repeatedly visited Lodges in other towns when public lectures and private meetings have been arranged. In the spring, Bishop Otto Viking from Denmark, visited Sweden and gave appre-

ciated and well attended talks in the different Lodges.

A Summer School was arranged at the end of June with Mr. Heinrich Nagel from Hamburg as a guest and main speaker. The theme chosen this year, "The Oneness of Life in the Coming Age," proved to be interesting, stimulating and very much in touch with the latest developments in science and politics. Mr. Nagel gave new and unexpected outlooks, as well as an understanding deepened through his insight and wisdom.

The annual Convention, held in connection with the Summer School, was well attended.

As a result of the revising activity undertaken during the year, the number of Lodges has decreased by five, there now being fourteen active Lodges. For the same reason, the number of members is now 382, which means a nominal decrease of 36 members in all.

EVA OSTELIUS,
General Secretary.

NEW ZEALAND

At the annual Convention in December there was again a change in the office of General Secretary, when Miss Clarice E. Gregory, who had been Assistant General Secretary for five years, was elected to that office. The position of Assistant General Secretary had to be left vacant as there was no one offering to do that work. This has meant that the General Secretary has not been able to visit the Lodges during the year, but has had to remain in the Section Office in an endeavor to cope with the work.

Visit of Mr. and Mrs. Mehta.—The highlight of the year was the visit of Mr. Rohit Mehta and Mrs. Shridevi Mehta who spent a month touring the main centres. They were most enthusiastically received and widely appreciated by members and public audiences wherever they went. They seemed to bring India and our International Headquarters much nearer to us all.

Lecturers.—The National Lecturer, Miss Georgina Boyd, paid two visits to most of the Lodges before leaving in September to attend the School of the Wisdom at Adyar. Miss Bertha H. Darroch's tour of Lodges in the North Island has been much appreciated. Mr. H. H. Banks, in the course of his travels in connection with the Liberal Catholic Church, has also lectured for some of the Lodges. Besides these lecturers, some of the larger Lodges have been sending speakers regularly to the smaller Lodges within reach.

Visitors Next Year.—In May next year we are expecting to have Mrs. Eunice Layton and Mr. Felix Layton, of the American Section, to tour for six weeks in New Zealand on their way to Adyar.

Membership.—The membership roll now stands at 1,066, a decrease of 39 during the year. We have admitted 51 new members and 7 have rejoined, but have

removed a number of others (unfinancial and inactive) in an endeavor to arrive at a more accurate figure. Twenty-four members have died during the year.

Theosophy in New Zealand.—The Section magazine is being issued only three times again this year owing to increased costs. Most of the articles printed have been the original contributions of members.

Newsletters.—Each month newsletters have been sent from Section Headquarters to all the Lodges and to any member unable to attend a Lodge who wished to have copies. These newsletters shared interesting items of news at home and overseas in an attempt to link the Lodges more closely with the Headquarters. The smaller Lodges particularly appreciate these contacts. Several Lodges are also issuing their own newsletters to members.

Printing.—There has been a considerable amount of printing done this year. Besides renewing the stocks of literature sent free to new members, the pamphlets *Tenets of Theosophy*, by C. Jinarājadāsa, and *There is No Death*, by Clara Codd, have been reprinted for sale. Whangarei Lodge has also reprinted *Theosophy in a Nutshell*, a booklet compiled by the Southern African Section.

By courtesy of the American Section, we have duplicated and sent to Lodges copies of "Guides in Lodge Study," and Whangarei Lodge is using a further series entitled "The Life Process". We deeply appreciate the help of the American Section in making these publications available so freely.

Tape and Slide Library.—The Tape Library continues to increase its catalogue of tapes and has done good work in sending recorded lectures to Lodges and members. Besides the tapes, we have acquired a collection of slides for illustrating lectures.

Some sets of slides have recorded lectures to accompany them. These should help Lodges to vary their programmes and encourage more interest in lectures.

Library.—The Section lending library is now housed at Headquarters and has been sorted and re-catalogued. Many of the books have been repaired and some new titles have been added to the list. The reference library has been augmented by the inclusion of reference books from the lending department, but many of these are in need of repair.

Religion in Schools.—Earlier in the year the Theosophical Society was represented at a Conference on Religious Instruction in State Schools, when various religious and other organizations submitted ideas for consideration.

Legacies.—During the year the Section has received several legacies from older members.

The Young Theosophists continue to be active in some of the Lodges, the group in Christchurch being especially helpful during last Convention. Unfortunately most of the smaller Lodges have no younger members on their rolls.

Vasanta Garden School continues its work. The school roll has increased somewhat this year, but many of the buildings are out of date and need replacing.

The Theosophical Order of Service has had a quiet year.

Stamp Collecting.—Two devoted members in New Plymouth continue to wash and sort used stamps sent in by members. These are sold to augment the Section Penny-a-Day and Voluntary Fund.

On the whole the work appears to be going along steadily and quietly amid the turmoil and clamour of modern life.

CLARICE E. GREGORY,
General Secretary.

THE NETHERLANDS

I have pleasure in submitting the report of our Section's activities for the year ending 30th September 1958. Mr. B. Wouters, our General Secretary, left for Adyar in August and charged me with the duty of continuing his activities until his successor has been appointed.

The work in the Section and in its Lodges has been going on in the traditional style. Regional gatherings of Lodges in the southern and northern part of the country were reasonably well attended and proved to be useful and appreciated by the members. The annual Summer School, held at Amersfoort in the International School of Philosophy, was satisfactory and provided us with

several points as to how we may be able to improve future gatherings. The general theme for these meetings was "Different Aspects of Psychology".

A sad event was the loss by death of our much-esteemed brother, Professor J. E. van der Stok, who gave so much inspiration by his deep knowledge and wisdom in the years he lived at the Theosophical Centre at Huizen.

The Section was privileged this year to welcome two visitors from abroad: Mr. James S. Perkins, National President of the American Section, and Mr. Edwin N. Lord, Honorary Treasurer of the International Society at Adyar. Both our guests were kind enough to deliver some lectures to our members.

We have to report the good news that by intermediary of the Theosophical Foundation "Proclus," the Dutch Government agreed to a special chair on "Metaphysics in the Spirit of Theosophy" being created in the Faculty of Philosophy at the University of Leyden. Our member, Dr. J. J. Poortman, who was appointed professor in this chair, delivered his inaugural address in October.

The present General Secretary of our Section, Mr. B. Wouters, and Mrs. Wouters, left Holland in August for Adyar to participate in the sessions of the School of the Wisdom.

The membership of our Section shows a slight but continued increase. On the whole it must be stated that we need a deeper interest in real Theosophy as a philosophy of life and not so much an increase in pseudo and semi-occult know-

ledge, often mistaken to be the principle contribution of the Theosophical Society to the world. Several movements in Holland have taken up the study of such occult phenomena and their lectures and courses attract large numbers of interested people who do not come to our Lodges or study classes. We begin to realize that in our Theosophical Society we enjoy the great privilege of being able to inquire into the eternal spiritual problems of the Soul, its deeper psychology and its mystical aims. We have to avoid the dangers of the study of occultism and occult arts, and we must take care not to become too much involved in the phenomenal aspects of human and cosmic nature, which have to remain a side-activity of our interested members.

A. J. H. VAN LEEUWEN,
Acting General Secretary.

FRANCE

No Report

ITALY

This year also the Italian Lodges have worked well. At the Convention held at Perugia important arguments of study were developed.

Public lectures were held at Milano, Trieste, Roma, Napoli, Firenze and Bari.

There were 39 new admissions and a loss of 86 members.

Much care has been given to the review, *Alba Spirituale*.

GIUSEPPE FILIPPONIO,
General Secretary.

GERMANY

During the year under report the regular work in our Lodges has continued. Gatherings have been held weekly or every fortnight in all Lodges, and Theosophical

literature has been studied intensely. Besides this, in some of the Lodges, public lectures as well as the internal study-work, have been arranged with good

results. There are also a few Lodges which have given introductory courses on Theosophy in order to gain new members. Berlin especially has worked in this direction with some success.

I myself visited several Lodges to contact the members, and have been lecturing regularly in Hamburg. Together with Mrs. Boyken I attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Theosophical Society in Europe, held at Huizen in December 1957, and the annual gathering of the German-speaking Regional Group at Basle, Switzerland, in May 1958. In June we met Mr. van Dissel in Amsterdam to discuss with him various problems with regard to the work in Europe. During September we attended the German Regional Summer School in Pichl, Austria, where we met a number of Theosophists from Austria, Switzerland, Germany and Yugoslavia, and were very happy that we could bring these Sections into closer contact. Afterwards, we were able to supply some Theosophical books and periodicals to the Yugoslavian members for the work in their country.

In August we had our usual German Summer School in Rendsburg, in connection with a meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society in Europe, with Mr. van Dissel in the chair. These two events were very successful and were attended by representatives and members of nearly all the Lodges in Germany. We had guests from England, France, The Netherlands, Switzerland, Austria, Denmark, Sweden, India and Viet-Nam, so it was really an international meeting. The General Secretaries from England, Holland, Switzerland, Austria, Denmark and Sweden were present, as well as the General Secretaries of

the Theosophical Society in Europe and the Young Theosophists. All lived together for a week in a spirit of harmony and brotherliness. Lectures were given by Mr. van Dissel, Mr. van Leeuwen, Prof. Haas, Dr. Bendit, Dr. Lauppert, Mr. Schleifer and Mr. H. P. Wyss. There was also a lecture with beautiful colored lantern slides by Mr. Boyken junior and, as usual, music gave a beautiful setting for the whole meeting. Altogether it was a great success and, naturally, a good help for our work in Germany.

With the financial help of some members, our Regional Publishing House in Graz issued a new German edition of the book, *The Ancient Wisdom*, by Dr. Annie Besant, and it has been possible to sell many of the copies during this year. Our periodical, *Adyar*, for the German-speaking Sections, has been edited in Germany as in previous years. We have been endeavoring to make it an instrument for spreading Theosophy among the public and have succeeded in arranging an increased number of subscribers outside the Theosophical Society.

Our statistics show that the total membership is nearly the same as last year, the present number being 420. One of our Lodges has been dissolved and we have founded two new Centres in Gütersloh and Trier.

At the meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society in Europe held at Rendsburg, it was decided to have the European Congress in August next year at Hamburg and the preparatory work for this very important event has already commenced.

MARTIN BOYKEN,
General Secretary.

CUBA

In reporting the activities of the Cuban Section for the twelve months ending 30th September 1958, I have to state that the political situation in our country has been so unsettled during the aforementioned period that it was necessary for the Government to temporarily abolish some of the individual rights granted by the Constitution in order to be able to maintain peace and order.

Nevertheless, our Lodges, with the exception of two, although affected to a great extent, held their weekly sessions regularly under special permission from the Government. Our Section, likewise, celebrated its festivals and meetings; therefore, we held our Convention on 19th January, with a fair representation from the Lodges.

We regret to state that the following members have passed away: Mr. Antonio Aguilar Grao, a young and active member of Lodge Marie Poutz, Mr. William C. Airth, also from Lodge Marie Poutz, who was a dedicated and old member of our Section, Mr. José Guasch Bonet, Treasurer of Lodge Atma, who was very enthusiastic in connection with his Theosophical duties, Mr. Silvano Boudet, from Lodge Esperanza, at Victoria de las Tunas, and Dr. Gertrudis Aguilera, a member of Lodge Luz del Maestro, at Camagüey, who also was very dedicated and faithful. The latter was the wife of Dr. Raimundo B. Ferrer, President of the aforesaid Lodge.

Although we know that all this is in the course of nature, yet we cannot avoid a feeling of loss and sadness in the passing away of such hardworking and loyal members of our Section.

Our membership now stands at 582; this includes 338 members in good standing and 244 members in arrears. During the year, 43 new members were enrolled,

while 36 were lapsed for lack of payment. Due to lack of interest, we were compelled to dissolve Lodge Luz Maria Durand, located at Guayos. Naturally, we did all in our power to revive this Lodge, but our efforts were in vain, particularly due to the present special circumstances brought about by the political crisis.

Notwithstanding the fact that the surrounding conditions have not been especially favorable, on the whole the Section has had a year of steady activity; we feel that so long as we keep the spirit of brotherhood and service animating our Society, the Masters' blessing will be on our work.

Lodge Rafael de Albear, at Morón, was able, through constant and dedicated effort, to inaugurate a building of their own for their weekly Theosophical meetings. They now have a small, though beautiful home, for their headquarters, and it lies with each member to see that it is made a centre of peace, harmony and friendliness.

Messrs. Raquel Catalá and Juan Cruz Bustillo, from Lodge Heracles, gave a series of public lectures at Caracas, Venezuela, and New York City, respectively; also, Mr. Rafael Alvisa, a young member of Lodge Kut Humi, gave a public lecture which attracted an audience of 120 people.

On the morning of 4th May 1958, a group of lady members, in homage to Mme. H. P. Blavatsky and in view of the proximity of White Lotus Day, distributed clothes and food among 16 poor children. This was done under the direction of Miss Hortensia Díaz de Villegas, an outstanding member of Lodge Annie Besant.

Lodges Devenir and Kut Humi are now publishing two Theosophical

magazines entitled *El Devenir* and *Orientación* which, so far, have proved to be of great interest. Our Section has continued the publication of our official organ, *Revista Teosofica Cubana*. The Committee of Theosophical Teachings has published a small pamphlet, which is being distributed throughout Cuba and several of the Spanish-speaking countries* in Latin America. The pamphlet contains the translation into Spanish of

the President's comments which appear monthly in *The Theosophist*, under the heading of "On the Watch Tower". The distribution of these pamphlets is free.

The atmosphere in our Section is at the present time vital and brotherly and we trust that henceforth we will have very successful years of work in our country.

ARMANDO ALFONSO LEDÓN,
General Secretary.

HUNGARY

No Report

FINLAND

The following is a report of the Finnish Section of the Theosophical Society during 1957-58.

The working season in the autumn of 1957 commenced with a meeting in Helsinki, when we planned the activities for the winter. The work has been carried on mainly along accustomed lines.

We began the year with 22 Lodges, and during the year one new Lodge was formed at Kemi in northern Finland, making a total of 23 Lodges. This year 13 new members joined the Society; as against this, 7 members died, 13 lapsed, and one member transferred to the Theosophical Society in America. The membership thus stands at 505, a decrease of 8.

The Round Table and the Lotus Circle have carried on their work as before. Some members of these groups have reached an adult age and joined the Society, some have dropped out, but always new members have joined so that the work has been regular.

In the beginning of November, Bishop Otto Viking visited Finland and gave a lecture in Helsinki to the members. We were much obliged to him for that occasion.

The first outstanding feature of last year's activities was the Golden Jubilee of the Finnish Section. On the 7th October, Lodge Kalevala celebrated its 50th anniversary, and on the 17th November the Golden Jubilee of the Section was held.

At noon, a public meeting with two addresses was arranged. The first speaker recalled how people in Finland took a very prejudiced attitude in regard to Theosophy about 50 years ago and how this attitude has now changed. The second speaker lectured on the early history of the Society and on Theosophical ideas in modern thought.

In the evening, members gathered at the Headquarters for a meeting at which there were several speakers including some older members who gave their reminiscences.

All Charter members still living were elected honorary members of the Section. Many members from the countryside had travelled to Helsinki and took part in the celebration.

The second outstanding feature was the visit of the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Europe, Mr. J. E. van Dissel, at Easter, at which time we held our annual Convention. Mr. van Dissel delivered two lectures, one to the members and the other to the public. He encouraged our work in many ways and our members were very grateful for that visit.

A Summer School was held at our summer home Kreivilä from 28th June to 1st July, with about 50 members attending. Every day there were two or three meetings and the variety of subjects placed before us by members, and the discus-

sions, were lively. It seems as though Kreivilä could become the place where members from different parts of Finland meet, not only during the Summer School, but throughout the whole summer and so get acquainted with one another. Kreivilä is open to non-members also, so people who do not know Theosophy may come into touch with Theosophists. Thus the summer home is able to serve both the members and others interested in Theosophy.

Though I am not able to report much progress, I hope that the Section is truly active. All the activities are going on in an atmosphere of peace and optimism in spite of many difficulties prevailing in our country. However, we have tried to do the best we can.

SIGNE ROSVALL,
General Secretary.

RUSSIA

Section Dissolved

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

No Report

SOUTHERN AFRICA

At the fiftieth annual Convention of this Section, held in one of the oldest of our Lodges at Durban in April, a new National Executive Committee was elected, so that this report covers the closing work of one regime and the beginning of another. A review of the year's work, however, shows an increase of membership, with our total now standing at 669,

and two new Lodges chartered, more than balancing the dissolution of one in 1957.

A stimulation of interest in Adyar and a deeper realization of our link with our International Headquarters have been sponsored by the new National President who had recently spent several years there, and by the return of one of our Lodge

presidents from a session at the School of the Wisdom. These contacts have served to renew vitality and enthusiasm in our work.

In May a regional Congress was held in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, with delegates present from all the Rhodesian Lodges and Centres. The National President was the guest speaker and the theme, "Theosophy in the Modern World," was the subject of a number of talks and discussions. The Congress was inspiring to those who are not usually able to attend the national Conventions and proved a success in every way. It was voted to make this an annual event and it was hoped that other regions may also hold gatherings of this nature.

During the past six months, Bishop Charles Shores, of Australia and formerly of Adyar, toured this country visiting our Lodges and bringing the message of Theosophy in his own unique manner. Also, since her election, the National President has visited all the Lodges and Centres and contacted individual members throughout the Section.

The work of the national library is being expanded and a number of research projects are getting under way. All this

activity must be carried on by correspondence because of the great distances involved. Also the offices of publicity and field work have been re-activated, and intensive efforts are being made in several new Centres. A national library of tape-recordings is a valuable assistance to many of the Lodges which do not have accomplished speakers among their members, and recordings of international lecturers as well as local ones are available.

Many difficulties are experienced in this Section which comprises different national governments and a variety of races. There has been a tendency towards a diffusion of our forces and an inclination towards the phenomenal aspects of occult study with a consequent lessening of one-pointedness for our primary object of Universal Brotherhood. It is the present endeavor to re-orient the work towards this aim by intensification of study of the deeper aspects of our philosophy. But, on the whole, we enter this second half century of Theosophical work with renewed enthusiasm and hope in the ultimate good prevailing.

MARY G. PATTERSON,
General Secretary.

SCOTLAND

Another year of steady work has been accomplished. Members' meetings, study groups, and public lectures have been held regularly during the period. Tape-recordings have proved to be helpful and successful and have been enjoyed and appreciated by members and public alike. This has enabled us to hear some speakers who would not be available in any other way.

Membership has remained steady at 215.

Our annual Convention was held in Glasgow this year on 14th and 15th June. Our guest of honor was Mrs. A. L. Berry, who had just retired from the office of General Secretary for England. This was her first visit to Scotland in connection with the Society, and we hope she will come again. After the business part of the Convention, Mrs. Berry spoke

to the members on "Man's Spiritual Powers," and later gave another members' talk on "Leaders into the New Age".

Thus we came to the close of a very happy and successful Convention. Mrs.

Berry also addressed a public meeting, her subject being "The Unfolding of Man's Hidden Powers".

JEAN ALLAN,
General Secretary.

SWITZERLAND

There are now 237 members, compared with 234 last year. This is not a very substantial increase, but it is, nevertheless, an improvement. Nine people joined the Society during the year, two left it due to lack of interest, and two elderly members passed away. We have 12 Lodges, 4 Centres and one group of Young Theosophists.

Our Young Theosophist group is developing in a satisfactory manner; the members are very enthusiastic and eager to forge ahead with work in their own way. A weekend which they spent together produced some promising results. The Lodges are livelier than they used to be, thanks to the introduction of discussion work. We have a few groups of people interested in Theosophy, which include artists and students. Their favourite subjects of study are Buddhism and Indian culture.

The following lecturers visited us from abroad and gave talks to the public: Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Perkins from America, Mr. Francis Brunel from France, Miss Clara Codd and Mr. John Coats from Britain, and Mr. E. N. Lord from Adyar. An interesting talk by Miss Codd added to the beauty of our annual Convention in Zurich. Public lectures are held regularly at Headquarters in Geneva and printed programmes are issued. Mr. A. Sassi and Mr. G. Tripet lectured in France and Belgium, and Mr. Hanspeter Wyss spoke at the German Section Summer School in

Rendsburg. The General Secretary visited the Lodges in Zurich, Locarno and Geneva.

The Round Table in Basle is working well and has acquired two new members.

The annual Convention was a success in every way and members returned to work with renewed enthusiasm.

The Regional Committee for the German-speaking area met for the sixth time in Basle with Mr. J. E. van Dissel, General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Europe, presiding. The General Secretaries of the Sections in Germany, Austria and Switzerland were present, accompanied by delegates; business was settled in an atmosphere of genuine brotherliness and mutual understanding.

The magazine for the German-speaking Region, *Adyar*, enjoys great popularity, especially outside the Society, the number of its subscribers having increased. The editors of *Clarté*, the French magazine, published two outstanding numbers; "The Racial Problem" and "Theosophy and the Theosophical Society," the latter intended mainly for a wide public. The Swiss editor of *Clarté*, Mr. Tripet, was responsible for both numbers.

The Theosophical Order of Service works to relieve suffering in those countries where it is, alas, still prevalent.

The two Regional Summer Schools held in Pichl (Austria) and in Ordino (Andorra), were both very successful. The General Secretary was in Pichl and gave a lecture

there. The theme of the School was "Dynamic Theosophy and the Religion of the Future," and it was interesting to observe how various aspects of Theosophy were presented in the lectures. The finest aspect was, however, the dynamism apparent in our daily life together and the level (higher than ever before) of the discussions and of the conversations outside the activities of the School. Members from Austria, Germany, Yugoslavia and Switzerland took part; the School thus had an international character, yet at the same time all felt like members of one family. This regional work is one of the most important in our Society, for it means that every member is able to participate.

Nine Swiss members attended the French-speaking Regional School in

Andorra, at which six countries were represented. The theme studied was "Giving New Life to our Theosophical Work". The need for a change of attitude, from studying abstractions to actually living Theosophy in daily life (each one in his own way) was stressed in the excellent lectures and in the discussion groups. Members from different countries felt very deeply the brotherhood which binds them, and this meant much to those whose freedom is restricted in their own land.

I hope that I have been able to convey something of our attempt to work joyfully together for the realization of our great Theosophical ideal.

CLAIRE WYSS,
General Secretary.

BELGIUM

During the course of the year, 35 new members joined the Belgian Section, bringing our number to 400 members.

Among the Lodges.—Lodge Lumière continues its usual activities, conducting a course on Theosophy and a Lecturers' course. Lodge Lotus Bleu has revived its activities under the presidency of Miss Adam. Lodges Blavatsky, Brussels and Centrale continue with their normal activities and, in the provinces, Antwerp, Ghent and Liège are showing fine vitality. We may add that there appears to be a more or less spontaneous interest manifesting in the provinces of Namur, Hainaut and Flanders.

Public Lectures in Brussels.—The change in the hour of meeting, and also a modification in the programme of our studies, have lost us one part of our former audiences, but have aroused interest in new quarters. Some of the meetings have

been affected by these changes in point of numbers, but on the whole the meetings are animated and really alive.

On the occasion of the Regional Committee meeting of the French-speaking Sections, which is held annually in Brussels, we were honored to have the presence of Mr. J. E. van Dissel, General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Europe, and Mrs. van Dissel, of Mrs. Claire Wyss, General Secretary for Switzerland, and of Mr. Albert Sassi, who is President of the Geneva Group. Mr. Sassi gave a lecture on "Will, the Power to Destroy or to Regenerate;" he also presided over a discussion group on "The Ideal Theosophist," which was a model of its kind.

Among other meetings of a general character, we must mention a commemoration meeting for Annie Besant, with the subject "The Great Religions," and a

theatrical presentation at Christmas by a group of young people. Both these were outstanding, as also the two cinematograph sessions arranged by the French Embassy.

Group Meetings.—Sympathizers are admitted to many of the working groups. We may mention: "The Course on Theosophy," in Lodge Lumière, "The Study of the Human Personality," in Lodge Brussels, "The Social Role of Art," in Lodge Centrale. On the other hand, the following group studies are reserved for members only: "Secret Doctrine Study," conducted in Lodge Blavatsky, "Course for Lecturers" and "Course in Esoteric Astrology," in Lodges Lotus Bleu and Lumière.

Other group meetings have been "The Eve of Adyar Day," arranged by Lodge Dharma, the Flower Fete on "Lotus Day," Question-and-Answer Meetings, a conducted visit to the Palace of Science at the Exhibition, another conducted visit to the U.N. Organization for the Protection of Nature, and also to the Mexican Pavilion.

Finally, we must make special mention of the Reception Committee, which supplies information and arranges accommodation. This activity assumes special importance at holiday times, for when our normal activities are suspended visitors and also our own members find here a club where they can relax during their vacations.

Mrs. Neels and Mrs. Chapellier represented the Belgian Section at the annual Convention of the Theosophical Society

in Europe held at Huizen in August 1957.

We were entrusted with the responsibility of organizing the Summer School of the French-speaking Sections which was held at Louette St. Pierre in September 1957. Despite its somewhat improvised character, the subject "The Responsibility of the Theosophist" and the discussion groups among the French, Swiss, Luxembourg, Dutch and Belgian members proved to be very interesting and fruitful. The magazine *Clarté* devoted a special number to this work and to the excursions and various entertainments arranged in the sympathetic environment of the Y.W.C.A.

We were also given the task of making arrangements for the Summer School of the French-speaking Sections held among the high mountains of the French-Spanish Pyrenees in the Republic of Andorra. There were registrations from French, Swiss, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, Dutch and Belgian members in large numbers and the Summer School proved to be a great success.

General Organization.—In addition to our other activities there has been administrative work and editing normally done in connection with the magazine *Clarté*, as well as responsibilities in connection with the Exhibition at Brussels.

We are grateful for the sentiments of deep and active Brotherhood which have reigned throughout the year in our Belgian Section of the Theosophical Society.

TH. CHAPELLIER,
General Secretary.

INDONESIA

Mr. Soemardjo, the President, made a tour to some foreign countries on Government duty from 17th August to 9th Octo-

ber 1957. On this occasion he visited Lodges in London, Holland, Greece, Egypt, the Huizen Centre, and the

International Headquarters at Adyar. This visit has created a fraternal relationship between the Theosophical Society in Indonesia and the Sections in other countries.

On 10th November 1957, a meeting was held at Tjipanas among the Lodges in West Java, viz., the Blavatsky (Djakarta), Bogor, Bandung and Girilojo Lodges, about 50 members being present. Mr. F. Dorofaëff, a member of the New Zealand Section, joined us at the meeting, as did many other Young Theosophists of Bandung and Djakarta. The President's impressions concerning his tour abroad were given at the meeting.

At the end of November 1957 Mr. Ananda Sujono, a member of the Solo Lodge, left for Adyar to attend the School of the Wisdom there.

On 23rd February 1958 the Young Theosophists of Djakarta, Kebajoran-Baru, Bogor and Bandung held a meeting at Bogor together with some members of the Bogor Lodge. About 30 Young Theosophists attended. Two representatives of the local Government were also present at this meeting and expressed their interest.

One thousand copies of a translation of *First Principles of Theosophy* were published by the Section in March 1958. This is the first book we have been able to print. The second book we are intending to translate is *The Inner Life*. We are facing some difficulty in selling this first book, as the process is not so smooth. The Young Theosophists have done most of the work in this respect.

From 4th to 8th April 1958 the Indonesian Section held its ninth annual meeting at Blitar, East-Java. Approximately 300 members were present. Besides discussing organizational matters, this Congress enunciated the following noble ideals: Harmony, Love, Honesty, Unselfishness.

At its closing, the Congress passed a resolution appealing to the public present to apply the afore-mentioned noble ideals in practice in order to give a foundation for a righteous, prosperous and happy community, as desired by the Indonesian people in general. At the same time, the Young Theosophists also held their meeting. Among others they made a resolution that the Young Theosophists will do their utmost to further the work of the Theosophical Society in Indonesia for the sake of its progress in particular and the progress of humanity in general.

In April 1958 a new Lodge, named Ponorogo, was founded in East-Java. We have 1,050 members in Indonesia, with 25 Lodges (23 in Java, 1 in Bali and 1 in Sumatra). In addition there are two Centres in Java.

From 13th to 17th July the President and the Secretary of the Indonesian Section attended the Indonesian Congress on Spirituality in Djakarta as the representatives of the Theosophical Society in Indonesia. The President was requested to give an address on magic. This Congress issued a statement expressing the same ideals as the ninth Congress of the Theosophical Society at Blitar.

An important event for the Indonesian Section was the visit of Mr. Rohit Mehta and Mrs. Shridevi Mehta on their return journey from Australia to India. In Indonesia they stayed for 10 days, and during that time visited 8 Lodges in West, Central and East-Java. Mr. Mehta addressed the members and also the public, while Mrs. Mehta gave talks about music with demonstrations on an Indian instrument. Their visit was very helpful to us, and the members of the Indonesian Section express their hearty thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Mehta. We hope that they will come again and for a longer time.

Besides the activities for the progress of our Lodges, many members give service

in other movements such as the Liberal Catholic Church, Buddhism, Freemasonry, the Mystic Star, the Round Table, the Spiritual Healers' Group, Education.

The propaganda department works to make Theosophy known to the public through lectures, radio and magazine. In addition, the President makes occasional visits to the Lodges.

On 16th and 17th July the Young Theosophists held a second meeting at Bandung.

On 27th and 28th September the Lodges in East-Java held a meeting at Kediri at which about 100 members and interested friends were present.

On 25th July a member of the Indonesian Section, Miss Paewati, from the Solo Lodge, went to America for further study. At the end of September of this year, Mr. Ananda Sujono returned to Indonesia from India.

SOEMARDJO,
General Secretary.

BURMA

Of the few working Lodges in the Section, the Blavatsky Lodge at Maymyo has suffered by the departure of one of its leading workers. The few earnest members left are carrying on, meeting for the study of Theosophy.

The Lotus Lodge at Mandalay has become somewhat strengthened due partly to the recovery of its old premises after an attempt of over twelve years. Regular meetings are now being held at the Lodge and there have been better attendances. Of the two old structures, one was destroyed during the last war, and the other, which still stands, is in a dilapidated condition. It is proposed to put up a new building on the site of the two, as soon as funds are forthcoming.

There was a small increase in the membership of the Olcott Lodge at Rangoon, but the number of active workers remained about the same. In spite of slight fluctuations from year to year in the actual figures, the strength of the Section also remains about the same. The usual activities went on smoothly under the able guidance of U Than Kyaing.

The main feature of the year was the introduction of more lectures on Theo-

sophy in Burmese, and on Buddhism. This resulted in an improved attendance. Of the three Theosophical Manuals translated into Burmese, *Karma* and *Man and His Bodies* have been published and *Reincarnation* will be brought out next year.

Humanitarian work continued to receive the foremost attention of some of the members, both in Rangoon and in Mandalay. Mr. and Mrs. San Hla were among those who attended the XVth World Vegetarian Congress of 1957 held in Bombay as representatives of the Burma Humanitarian League. During the year, U San Hla brought out a noteworthy handbook called *Notes on Vegetarianism*, besides several booklets and leaflets on the same subject; while U. Kyaw Hla of Mandalay reprinted and distributed some pamphlets on Vegetarianism and Animal Welfare, Buddhism and Theosophy.

The Book Depot at the Headquarters in Rangoon, under the devoted care of Bro. Ramanathan, has been serviceable to the members and the public for the supply of literature on Theosophy, Philosophy and Religion. Bro. Rama has now completely put the Library in order.

The Theosophical Trust School in Rangoon has now expanded into a Middle School with a qualified Headmistress. Its strength rose during the year from about

410 to 510. It has improved all round and grown in popularity.

PO LAT,
General Secretary.

AUSTRIA

The political and economic situation in Austria during the year under report was stable and prosperous, and there were no outstanding events, either in public life, or in the activities of the Theosophical Society.

The Lodges at Vienna (4), Graz (3), Bruck a.d. Mur (1) and Linz (1) maintained their usual activities, consisting of public lectures, study classes and discussion groups. There was a small decrease of membership; 14 new members joined, 19 died or resigned, bringing the total membership to 294 at the end of the year, against 299 at the beginning of the year. One new Lodge was founded at Graz in January 1958, bringing the total number of active Lodges in Austria to 10.

The Federation of Lodges at Vienna had to sell the "Theosophenheim" at Hütteldorf which had been built by members 35 years ago. It had been a vivid centre of work during the two decades before the war; most of our Theosophical leaders had stayed there for some time, including Dr. Besant, Bishop Leadbeater, and others. The house had been seized by the National Socialists in 1938, but was restored to our members in 1945. Nevertheless, being situated on the outskirts of the town, at a considerable distance from the centre, it could not be used to the same extent as before under the changed post-war conditions. The sale proved to be necessary to avoid legal complications and the heavy expenses for upkeep and dues. It is hoped that the Vienna Lodges will be

able to provide suitable premises for their activities in the centre of the town with the money received from the sale.

The Adyar-Verlag, the Regional Publishing House for the German-speaking area in Europe which, under the auspices of the Theosophical Society in Europe, is run by the Federation of Lodges at Graz, published a translation of Annie Besant's *The Ancient Wisdom* in autumn 1957. Since its foundation in 1947, the Adyar-Verlag has published twelve books with a total edition of 28,300 copies.

In May 1958, the General Secretary, Mr. F. Schleifer, attended the meeting of the Regional Committee for the German-speaking Region of the Theosophical Society in Europe, which took place at Basle, Switzerland, under the chairmanship of Mr. van Dissel.

At the elections in June 1958, the undersigned was elected General Secretary of the Austrian Section for the term from 1st July 1958 until 30th June 1961. Our former General Secretary, Mr. Fritz Schleifer, had held that office for 28 years. The Austrian Section owes deep thanks to Mr. Schleifer who gave it his devoted service for such a long period under most difficult circumstances, his term comprising the time of Austria's occupation by Hitler-Germany when Theosophical work was prohibited, and the years immediately after the war when Austria was occupied by the armies of four different nations, during which time the Austrian

Section had to be rebuilt. We are thankful that Mr. Schleifer keeps on assisting the work of the Section as its Vice-President, to which office he was elected at a session of the National Council in July 1958.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Schleifer and the undersigned attended the sessions of the European Council of the Theosophical Society held at Rendsburg, Germany, in August 1958.

From 7th to 14th September 1958, as every year, the Regional Summer School for the German-speaking Region of the Theosophical Society in Europe was held at Pichl, Austria, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Scheffmacher of Switzerland (as deputy for Mr. van Dissel who had to be present at the Summer School of the French Region, held at the same time at

Andorra). The Summer School was attended by 45 members from different nations, including the General Secretaries of Germany, Switzerland and Austria. The general theme of the School was "Dynamic Theosophy and the Religion of the Future". The management was efficiently done by Mr. Schleifer and his staff. The brotherly atmosphere was impressive for all members who took part, especially for those who live in somewhat isolated countries.

We are beginning our regular activities for the new working year in the usual manner, with the hope that a slow but steady strengthening of our Movement will again take place in this country during the coming years.

NORBERT LAUPPERT,
General Secretary.

NORWAY

Theosophical activities in the Norwegian Section during the last year have been regular and harmonious, although without any outstanding events and no visitors from abroad. Every Section has its periods when it must depend upon its own resources, be they great or small.

We have aimed at holding a "Section Evening" each month, succeeding the regular Lodge meetings here in Oslo. On these evenings we have alternated between public lectures and "Magazine Evenings," the latter being mainly for members, giving a certain orientation in the fascinating Theosophical world revealed through magazines from abroad. News of Theosophical work, excerpts from important articles and essays in the magazines are shared, and the manuscripts used at these "Magazine Evenings" are later published in *Norsk Teosofisk Tidsskrift*, our Section magazine. In addition

to those meetings we have had celebrations on Foundation Day, Christmas Day and White Lotus Day.

As mentioned in my last report, the Archives section, instituted on the proposal and under the care of Mrs. Ruth Wessel Nielsen, has during the year received appeals from Lodge secretaries outside Oslo to send them lectures. Evidently in the future the Archives will be able to give more and more help to Lodges and study groups which are in need of lectures and lecturers. The Lodge Presidents in and outside Oslo are also interested in attending the meetings of the Section Council and, if they have not been able to attend, in receiving reports of these meetings, for this gives an orientation regarding Theosophical work in the Section as a whole.

We are very glad to know from the General Secretary of the European

Federation, Mr. J. E. van Dissel, that he will try to visit our Section later in the year.

At our annual Convention a proposal to raise the Section dues was carried, in order to assist in the expenses of the Section magazine, *Norsk Teosofisk Tidsskrift*. It was mentioned by some at our Convention that the members may perhaps find that the dues will make it too expensive to belong to the Theosophical

Society. However, we have to try this way, in order to retain our journal.

Our number of members is now 165. Of these 7 are new members, 5 in Oslo, one in Stavanger and one in Stenkjaer. Two of our youngest members have left for U.S.A., and one member has resigned.

ERNST NIELSEN,
General Secretary.

EGYPT

No Report

DENMARK

In the autumn of 1957 the Danish Section was visited by Mr. Axel von Fielitz-Coniar, who lectured in almost all Lodges in Denmark. His lectures were much appreciated.

As in previous years, good work has been carried on in the Lodges. At Aarhus and Copenhagen regular public lectures have been given. In Copenhagen some work has been done to promote harmonious co-operation by arranging joint meetings for all the Lodges.

The annual Convention was held at Tudkobing and was most harmonious and inspiring. Mr. Otto Viking lectured to the public on "The New Era," and Mr. J. H. Möller, who was re-elected General Secretary, gave a lecture on "Our Special Work". The last meeting of the Convention was a symposium on freedom. The speakers were Miss Ellen Hansen, Mrs. K. Blichfeldt, Mr. Knud Marbo, Mrs. Anna Viking, Mr. Jorgen Winde and Mrs. Bonnichsen,

Summer Schools have been held, as in previous years, at Gammel Praestegaard and at Besantgaarden. The Summer School at Gammel Praestegaard was attended by 60-70 members from Finland, Holland, Italy, Iceland, Norway, Switzerland, Sweden, Germany, England and Denmark. Lectures were given by Mr. Axel von Fielitz-Coniar, Mr. John Coats, Mr. Otto Viking, Miss Kenderdine, Mr. J. H. Möller, Mr. Jorgen Winde, Mrs. Birgitte Valvanne, and Mr. Nordlund.

The purpose of the Summer School at Besantgaarden may be summed up in one of the questions: "Can one pass from the mere intellectual understanding of the 'world of life' to its actual realization?" On this problem Mr. Otto Viking gave several lectures, assisted by Mr. John Coats.

During the Summer School at Gammel Praestegaard we received news of the passing of Mr. Sidney Ransom. We

could not help feeling sad when we realized that we should never meet him again in this incarnation. We thought of the many Summer Schools where he had been a valued guest and an inspiring lecturer, and of his many other visits to

Scandinavia. But we realized that to him death was a liberation from a sick body. We loved Sidney Ransom and he loved Scandinavia.

J. H. MÖLLER,
General Secretary.

IRELAND

This report dates from last year's Convention, the keynote of which was: "Into the New Age". Our guest speaker was Mrs. Doris Groves, who made our Convention a memorable one, not only by the vivid presentation of her message, but also by her sympathetic attitude to our Lodges as a whole and to individual members.

During the year under review we have welcomed the following visitors: Col. Chodkiewicz (Poland), Mr. John Coats, Mrs. Daw, Mrs. Nan Walker (London), Mrs. Marion Lavender (New Zealand). From Northern Ireland we have had Dr. Hugh Shearman. Other speakers during the year were: Rev. Savell Hicks, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Alice Law, Mrs. Gourlay, Miss Emerson, Miss J. F. Hoy, Mr. Ogden, Mr. Ralph Duck, Mr. Christopher Parfitt and the General Secretary.

We aim at making our programmes varied and interesting, and our thanks are due to those members and friends who have helped. Some of our public meetings are open for questions and discussion, some are symposiums and sometimes we have an evening of a social and cultural nature, with perhaps music or color photography. Special mention must be made of tape-recorded lectures, for these have been very interesting and successful, enabling us to hear good speakers who otherwise would not be

available to us. The attendance at public meetings has been very good.

The Dublin Lodges hold a monthly members' meeting for discussion and study. The subject for this year has been "The Nature and Use of Thought". Another study group meets twice monthly under Mr. Pielou, the subject being "Theosophy Explained". The meditation group has met regularly and we feel it has done good work. Cork Lodge has carried on amidst the difficulties of illness and limited membership.

In the Library, Mrs. Gregg and her assistant, Miss Pilkington, have worked hard. This year we have obtained over 30 books. The library is open at all meetings, and one afternoon each week our librarian is in attendance to give advice and help, not only in the choice of books but also helpful advice to enquirers.

Our Christmas sale was held as usual and was a great success. It is now a well established event in the social life of Dublin where we enjoy meeting old friends and look forward to making new ones.

White Lotus Day was commemorated in the usual manner, for which event the room was beautifully decorated with white flowers.

We have contributed to the various Adyar Funds—the A.B.C. Fund, the Raja Commemorative Fund, and the Adyar Day Fund.

Last summer, with another member from the Irish Section, I visited Olcott, Headquarters of the American Section, for their Summer Sessions. This was a most stimulating and interesting experience which we enjoyed immensely.

At the annual business meeting of the Dublin Lodges held on 31st January 1958, I was nominated as General Secretary and Mr. Pielou as National Treasurer for the coming year.

Theosophy in Ireland, our national magazine, continues with three issues yearly.

Death has removed two names from our roll of members, Mr. Bligh (Irish Lodge), and Miss Nolan (Dublin Lodge). During the year our losses numbered three, and our gains seven.

Although our numbers are still small there has been quite a lot of activity and good work done. Many of our members are also active workers in a wide variety of welfare works in the city and country.

Our chief problems are lack of good lecturers and active workers; the bur-

den of work seems to fall always upon the same people. Another problem is the need for adequate publicity. Our income allows scarcely any advertising, and the press rarely gives us any support.

In conclusion I would like to express my gratitude to those who have worked with such devotion and energy for our Irish Section. Although in this country it is uphill work, it is something worth doing in ever increasing measure. In Adyar a simple stone is erected on which is inscribed, "To those unknown members of the Theosophical Society throughout the world whose silent loyalty and sacrifice ensures to it the Masters' constant blessing". So let us continue to work for humanity, as we have been called to do, keeping in mind and working towards the fulfilment of those words of Dr. Annie Besant that Ireland will one day be the Spiritual heart of Europe.

EVELYN O. HORNIDGE,
General Secretary.

MEXICO

Our annual Convention was held at Orizaba, Ver., 27-29th December 1957. This gathering, which was full of spiritual and social joy, was well organized by the local Lodge Emancipacion y Progreso, and attracted many visitors, of whom half were young people. Among the delegates, 8 Lodges were represented by their own Presidents. Sister Xenia Zarina, who lived for ten years in Indonesia studying sacred dances, entertained us with theatrical performances of symbolical dances with authentic Indian and Javanese tape-recorded music.

Three Lodges are reported as defunct, and three have been founded during the year. As this has happened for the last

three consecutive years, our Section still continues to have 26 active Lodges and three Centres. However, our records show a decrease of 13 members, our total strength at present being 498 members.

Except for two series of public talks in this city, given mainly by Young Theosophists in order to train themselves as future lecturers, propaganda work languished somewhat this year. The small review, *Dharma*, was issued only four times (36,000 copies) and, unfortunately, the rural school for under-privileged children at our Theosophical Colony was closed. On the other hand, it seems that the active energies of the Section were focussed on the rebuilding of our

Headquarters. As a result of a new appeal made by "Fraternidad Universal" A.C.,—our Theosophically-minded Co-operative owner of the house—several of our outstanding members generously contributed substantial donations.

Sister Maria de los Angeles Machorro, President of Luz de Occidente Lodge, Tijuana, B.C., is entitled to a laudatory note. Out of her own assets and coming from the border, she made a 4,000 kilometers round-trip, or "tour of goodwill" as she called it, visiting 12 Lodges in 8 cities during thirty days, and lecturing and exhibiting films and photos of other Lodges and members. Her initiative was warmly appreciated by all of them.

Among our group of active workers another three have distinguished themselves this year: Sister Luz Maria Durand, whose weekly talks in Señor Buddha

Lodge attracted numerous listeners; Sister Aurora C. de Farías who has doubled the number of members of Armonia Lodge at Guadalajara, Jal.; and Bro. Mario Piñero S., efficient propagandist and President of Adyar Lodge at Jalapa.

Bro. Ramon Cabrales wrote and printed a beautiful 570-page novel on reincarnation, *la Divina Ausente*, to be sold cheaply, and the General Secretary printed a translation into Spanish of Messrs. Hawliczek and Marcault's little book, *The Evolution of Man*.

The three special Festivals of the Society, as Dr. Besant called them, White Lotus, Foundation, and Adyar Days, were observed, and the inspiring Ritual of the Mystic Star was performed at our Headquarters on alternate Sundays.

ADOLFO DE LA PEÑA GIL,
General Secretary.

CANADA

The year under review has been an uneventful one, with the exception of the visit of our President, Mr. Sri Ram, which I may state made a very good impression on our members, in that they were unanimous in acclaiming his gentle qualities, broadminded outlook and wisdom as displayed in the discourses he favored us with. His visit was an incentive to us all and it showed very plainly the necessity of personal contact.

In the same way I was very fortunate in being able to visit quite a few of my Eastern Lodges, especially Montreal where I stayed for a week, during which time I gave three public lectures which attracted a good deal of interest and were well attended, bringing many enquiries and the sale of many books. This is particularly good, as Montreal is a very Catholic city and headway there is difficult.

My visit to the Convention at Olcott was of a very happy nature and I was accompanied by quite a few members from various parts of the Dominion. Their reports, plus my own, on our return aroused considerable interest and I have been approached with many enquiries and suggestions about holding a Convention here in Canada.

Our magazine has been running articles and correspondence regarding Fraternalization, which has aroused much comment. But contrary to what most readers think, we do not advocate amalgamation, but rather that there be a healthy vitality in differences of opinion and that it is better to be friendly and "agree to disagree" and thus present a united front to the world and carry on in our own particular way.

It will be noted in the magazine also that we are holding a Referendum regarding

an increase in annual dues in consequence of the general increase in cost of printing and expenses. The increase of subscribers to the magazine continues, and judging from the number of enquiries that are constantly coming in, it must be read by many of the public.

Our membership shows a decline but we are not discouraged, for although a fairly large number are shown as being in arrears, it is believed many will pay up, as a fair number have already done. We had eighteen new members but against that lost nine by death and three transferred to other Sections. The Travelling Library continues to be popular and has sent books all over the Dominion. These are sent post-free on the condition that they are returned post-paid.

Toronto Lodge is as usual very active and has had many outside lecturers such as Dr. Alvin Kuhn, Mr. Sam Wylie,

Mr. Holcombe and many others. The lady members of the Lodge are mainly responsible for bringing in funds and have been very successful, so much so that the Lodge is very well off. Animal World Day was duly held and was organized to include a Fashion Show in which synthetic furs and hats were displayed. This brought about a very successful meeting in which the public was very favorably impressed.

Finally I can say that although we have nothing spectacular to report, things are moving and there is a distinct spirit of enquiry and interest on behalf of the public which is decidedly encouraging and gives us a greater incentive to carry on and further the propagation of Theosophy, that philosophy which means so much to us individually and collectively.

E. L. THOMSON,
General Secretary.

ARGENTINA

On the 27th October 1958, I completed my first year as General Secretary; I have retained in my hands also the work of publishing books in Spanish. During the period under review, we have printed 3,000 copies of Mr. Geoffrey Hodson's pamphlet, *The Spiritual Significance of Motherhood*; 2,000 copies in booklet form of an article taken from *The Theosophist* entitled "Occult Chemistry and Modern Physics," by Mr. H. S. Murdoch, and 2,000 copies of *The Human Interest*, by the President, Mr. N. Sri Ram. I also have ready one more book by our President, and I am translating the first volume of Prof. Kanga's book, *Where Theosophy and Science Meet*.

I have maintained with perfect regularity the bi-monthly issues of our Section review, *Teosofia*. I have changed its

appearance and have selected carefully the material it contains. The most important factor about the review, which I try to keep in mind, is that it is going to all the Lodges of the Spanish-speaking Sections, more especially those which do not publish a review.

I try as far as my work will permit to visit the Lodges in our Section; already I have twice visited the Lodges in Buenos Aires, twice been to Santa Fe, paid one visit to Parana and one to Cordoba. I consider that a General Secretary ought to contact the Lodges and members as often as possible.

During the year continued support has been given to the obtaining of equipment for our Vacation Colony, "El Rincon".

N. E. RIMINI,
General Secretary.

CHILE

No Report

BRAZIL

Statistics.—According to reports received by the General Secretary, there are 25 active Lodges, but the following Lodges failed to send in either reports or lists: Alcione, Ghandi, and Raymundo Pinto Seidl. At the meeting of the General Council, held on 30th May 1958, the following Lodges were considered to be dormant: Arjuna, Cruzeiro do Sul, Giordano Bruno, Leadbeater and Orfeu.

According to our report for last year, this Section had 994 members. At present our number is 925 active members, so that there is a loss of 69. Analyzing the reasons for this loss, we find that the five Lodges declared dormant meant the cancellation of 66 members. On the other hand, the number of members in some of the Lodges in the Capital increased. This fact demonstrates that when the work is well directed and can count on the assistance of members identified with the ideals of Theosophy, progress is certain, and though it may not increase the membership, it is rather a matter, chiefly, of intensifying enthusiasm, thanks to a better concretization of the fundamental Objects of the Society.

It is possible, and we have every hope, that some of the Lodges declared dormant will resume their activities very shortly. Lodge Giordano Bruno, for instance, has already appointed a Directorate provisionally to take care of this matter.

Theosophical Publications.—The Latin-American Sections are to be congratulated on the decision to publish Theosophical books in Spanish. The major obstacle

to the development of Theosophy in this part of the world, it is fairly clear, is due to the lack of Theosophical books, which makes greater expansion difficult. I have established correspondence with the South American Federation, and with the other Latin-American Sections interested in this matter. At the moment I am awaiting their replies as to the number of books needed by each Section, and also an indication of the works that ought first to be published. The Cuban Section has answered supporting the idea, and saying that they had already been informed about it by our esteemed International President, Mr. Sri Ram. We confess that we feel great enthusiasm for this aspect of Theosophical work.

O Teosofista.—Our official organ continues to appear bi-monthly, with increasing interest on the part of the recipients, who often express their appreciation of the articles published. We wish to offer here our appreciation and thanks to those members responsible for this section of the work: Iracema Wey, Nilva Andrade Pinto, Joaquim Gervasionde Figueiredo and Luiz Cristone. We warmly thank also the Industria Grafica Padilha S/A for continuing to print the review free. At the same time, we are immensely grateful to them for providing us with the service of linotype and composing.

Publications.—Our Bro. Joao Batista de Brito Pinto directs the Department of Propaganda and also contributes Theosophical articles by various authors each Sunday for publication in the newspaper of our Capital, *O Diario de Sao Paulo*,

which has a circulation of about 130,000 copies. These articles are much appreciated and also go to the large populated areas of this country.

Lodge Bhagavad Gautama.—It is with great satisfaction that we can report that Lodge Bhagavad Gautama, with its headquarters at Belo Horizonte, the Capital of the State of Minas Gerais, is acquiring its own premises in the name of the Theosophical Society, and that they are already completely paid for. We owe this notable achievement to the idealism and self-denial of our Bro. Hostilio Soares, who several times has presided over the destinies of this Lodge. The acquisition of these premises by the Lodge Bhagavad Gautama will afford advantageous conditions for carrying on their work, and the purchase is due entirely to the financial contribution made by our esteemed brother, who thus proves his idealism and his dedication to the Theosophical cause. The Theosophical Society in Brazil wishes here to express its gratitude to this generous member.

Lodge Jesus de Nazareth also has its own premises, thanks to some dedicated members, which are situated at Rua Japura, 371, Manaus, State of Amazonas. This is a magnificent and laudable under-

taking and will provide the Lodge with better conditions for its work, and the members are to be congratulated on this notable achievement.

Gifts to the Theosophical Society.—Special thanks are due to Bro. Hostilio Soares who has offered to the International Headquarters the large sum of Cr. \$159,000.00, thus showing once again his altruism and his love for the cause of Theosophy.

Expression of Thanks.—The report presented by the Department of Propaganda has special reference to the work done by our Sister Carmen Piza in the matter of selling books. We extend special thanks to her, and also to Bro. Joao B. de Brito Pinto for the dynamic and intelligent way in which he has worked for the Department of Propaganda. We express our thanks, too, to all the members who have helped to contribute to the successful outcome of this period of the Section's life. We cannot refrain from mentioning the names of the following members: Cinira Riedel de Figueiredo, Olinda Pugliesi, Joao Batista de Brito Pinto and Gastao Sales. We trust that in the coming year we may have opportunities for more and better work.

ARMANDO SALES,
General Secretary.

BULGARIA

No Report

ICELAND

The membership of the Theosophical Society in Iceland now totals 416, which is 30 more than last year. The membership has been increasing considerably in

the last few years, and there is every likelihood that this trend will continue.

At the annual Convention, which was held on 28th of September 1958, I was

honored by being elected General Secretary of the Section.

In addition to the lectures arranged in the Lodges which are often open to the general public, we launched a new programme for the dissemination of Theosophy and the work of the Theosophical Society, which was the holding of a "Theosophical Week" at the beginning of the year. In connection with the "Theosophical Week" the Icelandic Section was visited by the well-known lecturer, Mr. John Coats, who did us the great favor of paying for his travel to and from Iceland. He gave four lectures at the Headquarters in Reykjavik. His visit marked an important and valuable facet of this year's programme as a whole, and "The Week" was very successful in general. Five new members joined during this period.

The programme of instruction has been similar to that of previous years, two study groups being held. One group, named "The Black Rose," was under the leadership of Gretar Fells, the Honorary President of the Section. The other group worked under the leadership of myself, and dealt with the evolution of consciousness, the temperaments of man, and so on. The study groups are conducted for those who wish to acquire a fundamental knowledge of occult science.

A Summer School was again arranged by the Section and, as in past years, the teacher was Mr. Edwin C. Bolt from Cambridge. As he has now reached an advanced age, he will not be returning to give instruction at the Summer School. Mr. Bolt has been the teacher at Theosophical Summer Schools in Iceland for a total of 18 years, and has given very valuable service to the Icelandic Section.

The work of the Lodges has been conducted on a similar level as in past years. They continue to arrange an extensive

programme of lectures and, generally speaking, few organizations, if any, have a more active programme than the Theosophical Society. Films are often shown at Lodge meetings, and music, either vocal or instrumental, is always a feature of the programmes.

The Society's library has been used extensively, and received a most generous presentation of books from Mr. John Coats soon after he left this country.

The Order of Service continued its programme as hitherto. In addition to other work, the Order obtains funds for the maintenance of the Society's buildings, and this collection came into very good stead this year when a considerable part of the floor of the building was completely renovated.

With a view to the fact that the membership of the Section is steadily increasing and its overall programme is ever widening in scope, preparations have been started for the construction of a new building to serve as the Headquarters of the Theosophical Society in Iceland. This, indeed, entails a major task for the Section. Already we have been allotted a site located not far from where in the future a new centre for the city of Reykjavik will rise.

These are the principal points that are to be reported concerning the activities of the Theosophical Society in Iceland during the past year of operation. But the part that is of greatest importance and of most lasting value can never be put into reports: the dissemination of Theosophical ideals, the training and instruction of the members, and the inner urge for spiritual development inherent in every true and sincere student of Theosophy. If this is well provided for, then everything will move in the right direction.

SIGVALDI HJÁLMARSSON,

General Secretary.

 SPAIN

 No Report

PORTUGAL

 No Report

WALES

Membership.—During the last twelve months 7 new members were enrolled. Our losses were heavy—5 resigned, 2 died, 5 lapsed, and 2 transferred to another Section (Malaya). We lost 14 and gained 7. Our total membership on 30th September was 175, as compared with 182 in 1957, a decrease of 7.

Lodges.—There is nothing fresh to report about our Lodges, for the position is very much the same as it was last year. The illness of several of our most active members has been a serious handicap, and the increase of unemployment in the area and financial difficulties have made the contacting of scattered members less easy.

Publicity.—The problems of publicity in the British Isles are practically unchanged. We have not been able to make any progress as yet with the idea of a magazine or Theosophical review for the public—one that could appear on bookstalls in shops, railway stations and so on. Audiences everywhere continue to be disappointing in size.

Our Annual Convention was held in Cardiff in May with Mrs. D. Groves as guest speaker, the keynote being "Towards the Reality of Oneness". The attendance of members was smaller than usual for reasons indicated earlier in this

report, but the gathering was a very happy, united one.

The National Council met four times during the year.

The Triennial Election of the General Secretary and the National Treasurer which was due in March 1958 was, with the agreement of members, postponed until March 1959, owing to the prevailing difficulties. During the year we have been negotiating a new lease with our present tenants on the ground floor and basement of the building, and we hope that this will help us financially.

The Theosophical Order of Service.—Individual members continue to be active in Animal Welfare movements, Aid to Refugees, and the work of the United Nations Association and the British Council for helping visitors and students from overseas.

Wales is really doing very good work through various movements to spread International Friendship. There is always a welcome in Wales for men and women who come to our four University Colleges from other countries. There is a very active League of Youth in Wales which has a section concentrating on friendship with other countries.

Convention in England.—The General Secretary and several members from Wales attended the annual Convention of the

Theosophical Society in England at Whitsuntide.

The *Regional Summer School* at Swanwick in August was attended by the General Secretary and eight members from Wales.

European Council.—We were unfortunately not able to send a representative to the meeting of the European Council at Rendsburg.

E. CLAUDIA OWEN,
General Secretary.

POLAND

No Report

URUGUAY

The following are condensed reports from each of the seven Lodges which make up our Section, for the period 1957-58:

Lodge Morya carries out a programme which includes themes dealing with classical Theosophical information, and matters of a general character translated from English.

Lodge Pallas Ateneas studies and discusses the following books: *Introduction to Yoga*, by Dr. Besant, *The Secret Doctrine*, *Light on the Path*, and the lectures of Mr. J. Krishnamurti. The members also discuss the most important political and scientific happenings, trying to understand them in the light of the Ancient Wisdom and the inspiring words of Mr. N. Sri Rām.

Lodge Harmonia studies Dr. Besant's books, *Karma* and *Reincarnation*. They held special meetings to commemorate Dr. Besant's Birthday, Adyar Day, Foundation Day and White Lotus Day. The Adyar Group, formed on the initiative of this Lodge, holds a monthly meeting to supply information as to what the Headquarters of our Society stands for. The Group is formed of members from all the Lodges.

Lodge Vidya has taken for study Mabel Collins' book, *Light on the Path*, and other well-known Theosophical books, as chosen by the members of the Lodge. Its President selects and translates into Spanish many articles from *The Theosophist* which are of high doctrinal value, suitable for study in common.

Lodge Ariel selects subjects drawn from the writings of Madame Blavatsky, the Letters of the Masters, *The Theosophist*, and articles by Mr. N. Sri Ram and others. The meetings usually open with a short talk on the subject chosen or the reading selected, which is followed by discussion and answers to questions put by those attending. Lodge Ariel endeavors to extract from these teachings a practical basis for living, smoothing the way and overcoming doubts and difficulties, towards that which is essential and for which we came to this world's school.

Lodge H. P. Blavatsky.—The subjects dealt with in this Lodge were readings from books and articles from Theosophical authors, and discussions on matters of general interest.

Lodge Karma Marga.—At the request of the director of studies, some of

the more experienced members occupy the platform on different occasions. By this means we carry out the wish expressed by the Master K. H. in His suggestion: "Learn that you may teach".

In addition to the work done by the Lodges in their respective weekly meetings, certain other work was effectively carried on in the Section.

The members' library has been re-organized, and we have made new catalogues to facilitate its functioning. We have recently acquired a number of new books to enrich our existing material.

The movement in membership remains favorable. Whilst last year we had 84 members, we now have a total membership of 97; we hope that this increase may be augmented in the future, thus neutralizing the fluctuations which arise.

I wish to express, on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Section, our appreciation and gratitude for the donation of the Theosophical books published to date by the "Devenir" Study Group, whose members, Sres. Alvaro Araujo and Mario Mendez, have undertaken the work of translating into Spanish much material selected from Theosophical literature. This has been used by the Lodges, and has proved to be very helpful to those students and readers who speak Spanish but are not acquainted with English.

Supplementing the information regarding the Lodges, and after a year's experi-

ence in the position which I occupy, I would like to give my impressions of the general state of this Section.

Our propaganda is not effective, due to lack of literature. Also, owing to the high cost of printing we have had to discontinue for the present our Section journal, *Revista Teosofica Uruguaya*. We hope, when our finances improve, to resume its publication. Notwithstanding the difficulties of the present moment, we face the situation with optimism. In the humble sphere in which we are developing, with few members and scanty resources, we are not able to do all that we would like to do; but there is enthusiasm for study and persevering dedication to Theosophical work on the part of the most capable members and those devoted to our beloved Society. We are animated by feelings of brotherhood as we carry on the monthly meetings of the Council which controls and directs the work of the Section.

With the inspiration that we receive from Adyar, and the co-operation of the good workers who assist us here, we work to the best of our abilities and cherish the hope of seeing soon in this Section a process of constant growth so that we may the better carry out our duty and thus play our part in the concert of the National Societies.

ANIBAL LISSARDY,
General Secretary.

PUERTO RICO

In the year 1958 we have had three new members, three re-admissions and five deaths, making a total of 93 members in the Section. Among the members who passed away were Benigna Nadal, former President of Luz en el Sendero and Don Panchito Garcia, President of Nivriti

Marga Lodge in Aguadilla, one of the oldest Lodges in our Section. The other members were Don Francisco Gonzalez, Emiliano Gau and Jorge Rossy Oller, also three very devoted members.

On 6th April we held our Convention, which was a very successful one. We had

quite a nice attendance and the work carried on was encouraging and enthusiastic. Before starting our programme, the election of General Secretary took place, Sra. Esperanza C. de Hopgood being re-elected by the members.

We opened our Convention with a beautiful rendition of a Beethoven Sonata played on the piano by Carlos Tio, and on the violin by his brother-in-law, J. A. Cadilla. Brother Plard, former General Secretary, greeted the visiting members and a Lodge President answered the greetings in the name of all the Lodges.

The next item was a lecture given by Dr. Alfonso on Theosophy, which was most inspiring. The General Secretary then gave an account of the work carried on during the year, and expressed the hope that in the years to come we can work with more strength and enthusiasm so that the message brought by the Founders and other leaders may be presented in such a way that it will help enlighten this world that so badly needs the illumination of our teachings.

At noon we served lunch as usual and in the free hour following we had an opportunity of renewing friendships, with interesting chats that bring us nearer in our work. In the afternoon sessions we had suggestions, resolutions and propositions, giving an opportunity for members to express their own ideas in regard to a better way of working. We closed our 1958 Convention with a piano duet by Carlos Tio and his wife, accompanied by Cadilla on the violin. Then the meeting was over, leaving happy memories in each one of us, until next year when we shall meet again.

We have carried on our programmes as usual. Our magazine, *The Herald*, travels all over the Spanish-speaking countries with fine articles translated from the magazines of all the English and French-

speaking countries, and is sent free of charge to Sections, Lodges and members on request.

Our radio programme is carried on by Brother Gonzalez every Sunday morning. Lodge Sol meets on Friday evenings under the leadership of its new President, Eladio Lopez, with the help of Brother Gonzalez who directs the studies.

We have sent all over the Spanish-speaking countries the first booklet of radio talks written at Krotona and translated by us. We have already translated 25 booklets into Spanish but have had some difficulty in printing them so far. However, we hope we can find some solution this year in order to attain our goal of having them all printed and circulated in Latin America, as they have fine teachings, not only for radio talks but for Lodge work.

We have had fine programmes at our Sunday meetings conducted by different members of our Lodges in San Juan. Moserrate Medez, a high school teacher, has the ability of reproducing small books by our leaders, giving their teachings in a more easily understandable way. Carmen Lopez, President of Luz en el Sendero, also does the same work, besides being very active in other ways. Brothers Plard, Gonzalez, Aramis Lopez and others also assist in this work. Stella Plard, Vice-President of Annie Besant Lodge is a very efficient worker and a devoted Theosophist.

Although our Section is small, we have a devoted and select group of workers who will carry the Light of Theosophy through this era of incomprehension until the Masters are ready for Their future step.

With other members I attended the Convention and Summer School at Olcott this year. It was wonderful to have had the opportunity to be for a few days near our beloved President, Mr. Sri Ram, and other prominent members of the

Theosophical Society. Olcott is a beautiful place, a centre of love and peace; I am sure we have increased our knowledge during our stay there, also our spiritual strength. I hope we shall be able to work

more efficiently as channels of the Great Forces and so help our Lodges and the community where we live.

ESPERANZA C. HOPGOOD,
General Secretary.

RUMANIA

No Report

YUGOSLAVIA

No Report

CEYLON

The annual Convention of the Section marked the start of our working year, and members were happy to have Mr. M. Subramaniam from Adyar Headquarters as our chief guest. An innovation for the Sunday session was a series of group discussions on "Theosophy as a Means to: (a) Health; (b) Right Thinking; (c) The Occult Path;" and "The Dissemination of Theosophical Literature: A Policy and a Plan for Trilingual Work". Besides the conclusions reached on the various topics, it was generally appreciated that members were afforded the opportunity to get more closely acquainted through the exchange of views in the various groups. It was felt that such discussions could well be adopted as a periodical feature of Lodge work, and would provide the means for the application of Theosophical ideas to everyday matters.

Following a decision taken at Convention, the Section Council met in February at Demotawa Estate, Pasyala, the residence of Mrs. E. Roversi Perera, President of

Lotus Lodge. The Council meeting was followed by one of Lotus Lodge, at which Mr. N. K. Choksy, Q. C., National President, gave a talk on "The Value and Uniqueness of the Theosophical Society".

Combined meetings were held on 26th December, synchronizing with the International Convention at Adyar, and on White Lotus Day, when after listening to passages from *The Bhagavad Gita* and *The Light of Asia*, members heard the eloquent tribute to H.P.B. made by Dr. Annie Besant in her talk on "The Masters as Facts and Ideals".

Work has proceeded normally in Lanka, Besant, Shanti, Olcott, Vasanta and Lotus Lodges with little interruption even during the days of Curfew after a State of Emergency was declared on 27th May 1958. Regretfully, little activity has been shown by the other Lodges, but it is expected that special efforts will be made to develop work in them, particularly in Sonalla and Satyamarga Lodges.

As in previous years, work in the Lodges has been enlivened periodically by

visitors who have given lectures at Besant Hall and elsewhere. We are happy and thankful to have had among us Miss L. M. Benton of Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia; Mr. and Mrs. James S. Perkins of Olcott, Wheaton, U.S.A.; Mr. and Mrs. Rohit Mehta of the Indian Section; Miss Shirley Macpherson of Australia; Mrs. and Miss Master of Bombay; Mrs. Audye R. Tuttle and Mrs. Grace Moore of New Orleans, U.S.A.; and Mr. Pharisien Bruno of the Italian Section.

Our sincere thanks go to the National Sections of the Society who have sent us copies of their journals regularly. We regret that our journal, *Plenoma*, has not been published during the year. We are glad to record that special contact has been maintained with the Selangor Lodge in Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, and we have followed its workings with interest.

Our special thanks go to the New Zealand Section for having presented us with a complete set of its "First Correspondence Course in Theosophy," a most instructive compilation in 26 lessons.

Booklets, maps and travel particulars have been furnished by the Travel Bureau of the Government of India for reference at Headquarters and in some instances for issue to our Lodges. These have been of value to our members and were greatly appreciated. We heartily thank the Assistant Director and others concerned.

The fifth working year of our revived National Section has had to contend with

difficulties in the life of the nation occasioned by widespread disturbances.

We may close the record of our year's work aptly by quoting from a message sent from this Section to the Maitreya Centre of the Theosophical Society in New Delhi, on the occasion of its recent inauguration:

"The Theosophical Society and its teachings have been given to the world to prevent mankind being rushed off its feet and dashed over the rocks by this rising ruthlessness. This priceless heritage has been given to us to help mankind to regain its foothold on the firm ground of Justice, Truth and Brotherhood, to help man, both individually and collectively, to resist what is Evil, and to further what is Good, so as to refute and overthrow the conviction which is gaining ground in our time—built up by the heartless tide of human events—that the worst Enemy of Mankind is Man.

"Theosophy should help to so turn the tide of human history that it may soon come to pass that the best Friend of Mankind is Man.

"Working on themselves, with these thoughts as their individual centres, the members of the Maitreya Centre can be certain not only of themselves seeing the Light, but also of leading many others out of the Darkness of our days up to the Light that shines Eternal in the Heavens above".

N. K. CHOKSY,
General Secretary.

GREECE

During the period under review, Lodge Alithia was founded at Alexandroupolis-Thrace and Lodge Elefthera Skepsis at Athens. The Lodges Blavatsky-Olcott and Socratis at Athens, and Lodge Erevna at Patras were dissolved.

The membership has increased to 281, the highest total so far attained by our National Section since its foundation.

During 1958 the Greek library was enriched with the addition of the following books: *The Voice of the Silence*,

by Madame Blavatsky, and *Meditation for Beginners*, by James I. Wedgwood, both translated by the undersigned. The lending library of the Section had an

increased number of readers during the year.

TIMOS VRATSANOS,
General Secretary.

CENTRAL AMERICA

The Lodges in Central America have continued to work normally and with much enthusiasm, chiefly in the Republic of Nicaragua, where a group of Theosophists is desirous of forming a new Lodge with the name of Blavatsky.

It is the Lodges in Costa Rica about which I can give more detailed information. There are two in Costa Rica, Lodge Slakti and Lodge Virya, Shakti being the Young Theosophists' Lodge. I wish to emphasize the work of these young people, all of whom are enthusiastic and ardent students, who are preparing themselves and will be the future members of our Society in Costa Rica.

Lodge Virya, the oldest in this Section, continued its work this year directed by Sister Pilar Madrigal Nieto, whose devotion and spirit of service I wish to record in this report. She has organized study groups, with questions and answers on Theosophical teachings. At the weekly meetings we have a very good attendance and the flame of Theosophy is kept burning brightly. Once a month I am permitted as General Secretary to give instruction, and I frequently give readings of articles that appear in *The Theosophist*, which I translate for the purpose. Sister Madrigal has the collaboration of our distinguished Sisters Esther de Mezerville and Lidia Fernandez Jimenez.

This year, three numbers of our Theosophical bulletin were published by the General Secretary and Brother Miguel Monge Echandi; the latter selects the articles and often translates and edits them. We are glad here to recognize the praiseworthy work done by Bro. Echandi.

We receive from the Braille Institute at Ojai their bulletins on Theosophy issued for blind readers, which we distribute to those who belong to the Society of Friends of the Blind in this country, of which I am an active member. In this way the Theosophical Society is able to give comfort to those who are deprived of physical sight and to guide them in their study of the Divine Wisdom. This is a work which I consider to be of great importance.

Our Secretariat is working actively towards the organization of a Convention of the Lodges of our Section, to be held in February or March 1959. Various Lodges have offered their assistance and I am hopeful that this important event can be arranged. It is probable that the Convention will be held in the city of San Salvador, El Salvador. I have great faith in the successful organization of this Convention which will result in many of the members of the Section getting to know each other better.

JOSÉ JOAQUIN ULLOA,
General Secretary.

PARAGUAY

No Report

THE PHILIPPINES

At our local Headquarters, the regular weekly meetings for the public have continued. Inter-Lodge programmes sponsored by each Lodge and lectures have been held. A series of lectures was given by Bros. Domingo C. Argente, Benito F. Reyes and Juliana C. Pineda.

Our annual Convention took place on the second Sunday of December. After the registration and distribution of ballots, the programme opened with a meditation period with a piano background selection entitled "Adyarward," followed immediately by a welcome address by the National Vice-President. The airlettered greetings of the International President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, were read to the members who received them with enthusiasm.

The reports of the Lodges were highlighted by Cavite Lodge's announcement of its project of constructing its own Lodge building on land already acquired in Cavite City. The secretary of Munoz Lodge reported the growing Theosophical consciousness of many people in the rice granary of Central Luzon where the Lodge is located. The Hamsa Lodge reported renewed interest in the work among its members, the return of former ones, and the coming in of new members who formed the new Singalong Lodge. The Lotus Lodge, composed mostly of college graduates, reported among its activities during the year, the training in public lecturing of its members. The Dauis and other Lodges also gave interesting reports.

The address of the National President stressed the self-assumed responsibility of

the members to carry out the declared Objects of the Society, called for more self-sacrifice for the purpose, and the need for a deepening sense of comradeship among the members in presenting a united front that alone can accomplish any measure of success in the work.

Insofar as our Lodges are concerned, we are glad to report that all are doing well and meet regularly, with the exception of Buhay and San Miguel Lodges which seem, for the time being, to be each without a leader from whom the members can draw inspiration and enthusiasm to keep up their meetings and continue the work. We would make special mention, in this connection, of Bro. Domingo C. Argente, General Secretary of our Section for several times in the past, and Bro. Aguedo L. Tiqui, President of Hamsa Lodge, who have been going around the different Lodges regularly and attending their meetings.

Our Section was graced with the visit last August of Bro. Edwin N. Lord, who was on his way from the United States to Adyar. On 24th August 1958 he gave a talk at the Headquarters on "What Can a Man Believe," which was well received.

Our Sister, Atty. Florida Ruth Pineda, of the Soliman Lodge, was sent by the Philippine Government to the United States to observe and study the activities and operations of organized labor. While there for about six months, she was able to visit Lodges and the Headquarters of the American Section, and from generous American Section members, she was

able to acquire for the Philippine Section some donations in the form of books and other Theosophical reading materials. Another local member who is still in the United States is Lt. Ruben R. Cruz, of the Cavite Lodge, who is undergoing naval courses at San Diego, California. Cdr. Zulueta was also abroad in Tokyo, Japan, on an official tour of duty for the Philippine Government for about seven months. During his absence from the Philippines from 17th February to 3rd October 1958, the affairs and activities of the Section were managed by our National Vice-President, Capt. Augusto M. Reyes.

A bright item for this report is the organization of the Theosophical Youth Movement in September 1957. The TYM, as it is more popularly called, is actually an independent organization with a constitution and by-laws of its own. It meets every first and third Sunday of the month at our Headquarters.

Fellowship, songs and games usually precede the regular discussion period. High point of each meeting is the session on Practical Theosophy led by a TYM member. It also publishes a fortnightly *TYM Newsletter*, edited by its President, Miss Florida Ruth Pineda. Occasionally, TYM members inject lighter activities into their schedules, such as outings, informal fellowship get-togethers and special literary-musical programmes. Those who join the TYM do not necessarily become members of the Theosophical Society, although most of its members are also fellows of the Theosophical Society. However, since the TYM is expressly for youth, it offers an excellent preparatory stage for those who feel that they should have some basic understanding of Theosophy before actually joining the Society.

JOSE R. ZULUETA,
General Secretary.

COLOMBIA

Our membership has increased by 8, which is a very low figure, but we were not able to report any increase for the last two years. Actually we have 24 new members and 8 re-admissions, but we lost one member by death and 23 lapsed.

Attendance at the Lodges has increased and visitors come frequently. Study programmes are carried on regularly by the Lodges.

This year we were able to publish four pamphlets of our *Colección Teosófica*, 1,000 copies of each being issued. These are sold to the members at less than the cost, in order that they may distribute them freely to their friends. Also some

copies are distributed freely direct to enquirers. The pamphlets issued this year are as follows, giving the English titles, although the pamphlets are printed in Spanish:

No. 18, *God and Man*, by Annie Besant; No. 19, *Good and Evil* and *What is Brotherhood*, by Annie Besant; No. 20, *The Experimental Study of Creative Altruism* (translated from *The Theosophist*); No. 21, *The Supreme Knowledge and How to Obtain It*, by Annie Besant.

Brother M. A. Medina has issued at his own expense two books for beginners, which have been distributed freely.

CORINA MARTÍNEZ S.,
General Secretary.

EAST AFRICA

Convention.—The eighth annual Convention of the Theosophical Society in East Africa was held during Easter from 4th-6th April 1958 at Dar-es-salaam, the Capital of Tanganyika Territory, under the chairmanship of Mr. V. H. Kapadia, the National President, with Swami Sri Krishnanand Saraswati as the guest speaker.

This Convention was of the brightest nature and the place of meeting, Dar-es-salaam, literally known as the abode of peace, was of special significance; it provided a setting of harmony and beauty for the coming together of the local Lodge members and delegates numbering about 43 from the other Lodges. All were intent on seeking deeper values and sharing ideas for the carrying forward of the Theosophical work.

After the Prayers of the Religions, the Convention, with a large gathering, was declared open by the National President; the programme commenced with sacred music by Srimati Bapaiben Baria, followed by an address of welcome from Mr. D. O. Acharya, chairman of the Reception Committee. In addition to the cables and other messages received, greetings were personally given by representatives of the various Lodges.

In his opening address, Mr. V. H. Kapadia, after making the well-known Invocation to the Great Ones, gave a short report of the work done during the period under review, and stated that the Section had not only maintained its position but had prospered and made good progress. In 1947 the Section had seven Lodges with a total membership of 250, but now, as a result of working with great fervor and enthusiasm, it has 21 Lodges with 750 members.

During last year, Miss Clara M. Codd, who was the guest of honor during the

seventh annual Convention held at Nairobi, made a two months' tour of the Lodges in the Section. She contributed much to the Society's work in East Africa, and added a touch of unity and happiness to the friendly relations among the main communities.

During the Easter holidays of 1957, a Study Class was held in Mombasa under the auspices of the Mombasa Lodge, with members from Nairobi, Pemba and Dar-es-salaam attending. Mr. Ramanlal S. Shah, of Nairobi, conducted the Study Class, and Mr. H. D. Shah and Mr. Rajnikant M. Patel gave talks on "Universal Brotherhood" and "Man's Search for Happiness" respectively.

Messrs. Kapadia, Kanga, Acharya, J. D. Shah, H. D. Shah, Chhaya, Ramanlal Shah, Mrs. Baria and other members of the Section visited different Lodges, and some of them, as outstanding speakers, were successful in spreading the message of Theosophy and creating active interest in members and their friends on a larger scale.

The Convention was a happy and inspiring occasion especially so far as the Convention lectures and short talks were concerned. There were two Convention business sessions, when as usual, (1) Last Meeting's Report, (2) Annual Report of the National Secretary, and (3) Annual Report of the National Treasurer were read and accepted.

A major activity this year has been the election of officers in our Section. The National President, Mr. V. H. Kapadia, was re-elected for another term of three years, the new National Vice-President being Mr. Ishwarlal Rawal. The National Secretary, Mr. J. D. Shah, was unanimously elected and, as National Treasurer, the selection was made of Mr. A. F. Kanga.

Then a discussion with a very healthy spirit followed on the subjects of (1) National Field Programme, (2) Lodge Activities, (3) Membership, (4) Finances, (5) Consideration of an appeal for contribution to *Jyoti* from East African Section, and (6) Requests to give top priority to the planning of lecture itineraries, and approach to such members who can advance forcefully the position of Theosophy and bring to the Lodges an understanding and harmonizing influence, as well as an inspiring vision of the Theosophical work, and to stimulate an interest in public speaking in those who have the capacity.

A lively discussion also followed on the instructions which were given by Mr. Harjivandas K. Mehta when he last visited our Section in 1953. Some good points were put in a letter by Mr. Ramanlal Shah from Nairobi Lodge for the consideration of the Section, which centred round a scheme in order to contribute materially to the cohesive force that unifies our members and Lodges into a national body.

During the three days, Theosophical literature was sold and nine new members were admitted.

With a cable of loyalty and confidence in the policy of our President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, at Adyar, from our Section, the eighth Convention was declared closed. The members dispersed with cordial greetings and good wishes, and with a will to work constructively for the welfare of the Society.

Visits.—During the period, I visited Mombasa, Pemba, Dar-es-salaam and Nairobi Lodges, while Mr. J. D. Shah, visited Zanzibar, Mombasa, Nairobi and Morogoro Lodges.

Mr. Shah, the newly-elected National Secretary, has noticed that a few of the Lodges have become dormant for the last two years, and that a few of the other

Lodges are almost in the same condition, inasmuch as they do not reply to letters or acknowledge communications. Since the matter has been seriously taken up by him, a change for the better has already started. The members of these Lodges no doubt have keen interest in Theosophical teachings but they are handicapped due to lack of organization within their Lodges.

One very difficult problem confronting the East African Section is that of great distances between various Lodges, whereby it becomes virtually impossible for any of our workers to visit all the Lodges during the year. In order to overcome this, it has been the practice of our Section to invite well-known Theosophists from abroad to be guest speakers at our Conventions and then, if possible, to arrange for them to visit our various Lodges in order that the interest is regularly maintained. As our Section is still in a premature stage, we cannot afford to spend vast sums of money for this useful purpose. However, generous members have always responded to our request for finances to arrange such tours.

Two or three of our valued workers have retired from active service and we hope to get their support in coming forward to organize the various Lodges and work as National Lecturers. This is a brighter light on the horizon, and I am fully confident that the dormant Lodges will start functioning and that the interest of the members will be revived.

Membership.—75 new members joined the Section during the year. Three active members died and about 350 members lapsed due to non-payment of dues. All efforts are being made to revive their membership.

1957 Adyar Convention.—Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Shah from Dar-es-salaam, Mr. Castellino from Mombasa, Mr. Babubhai Jinabhai from Eldoret, and Messrs.

Chhaya, R. B. Patel, R. H. Patel, and A. B. Patel with their families from Nairobi, and the National President, were fortunate enough to attend the 82nd International Convention of the Theosophical Society held at Adyar, Madras, during Christmas holidays in 1957. It was gratifying to note that such a large number of members from the East African Section were present, and the Lodges at Eldoret, Nairobi, Mombasa, Zanzibar and Dar-es-salaam were fortunate in gaining first-hand knowledge about the Convention.

Obituary.—We have lost three very active workers in Mr. Jatashanker B. Dixit, previously of Nairobi and then of Mombasa, Mr. Narsidas Narbheram Shah of Zanzibar, and Mrs. I. G. Rawal of Chake Chake, Pemba.

Guest Speakers.—Nairobi, Zanzibar, Dar-es-salaam, Pemba and other Lodges had an opportunity of hearing lecturers on various philosophical and theological subjects. The leading speakers were Swami Krishnanand Saraswati, Mr. S. G. Amin, Mr. Balkrishna Podar, and Miss Amin.

Libraries and Book-Stalls.—Mombasa, Nairobi, Dar-es-salaam and Zanzibar

Lodges have their own libraries and book-stalls. Nairobi Lodge is very active, with more than 20% of the total membership of the Section. With sincere efforts, members have collected a sum of Shs. 32,000/- and have applied for a plot of land on which to erect a small building for the Lodge.

My report would be incomplete without mention of the outstanding public services which many of our members are doing in their respective places. East Africa is gaining more and more prominence in the eyes of the world. Here we have a multi-racial community of Europeans, Indians and Africans living side by side, and we as members of the Theosophical Society have to play a prominent part in the development of this country by becoming a bridge between the various ideologies, sects, castes, creeds, races, and colors. With the prevalent ideal of Universal Brotherhood foremost, our members are fully conscious of the tremendous responsibilities they have to shoulder in this difficult task ahead, and are responding favorably to the Call.

V. H. KAPADIA,
General Secretary.

PAKISTAN

This year, we complete ten years of our separate existence as the Theosophical Society in Pakistan. With the political division of the sub-continent into India and Pakistan, the Lodges comprised within East and West Pakistan had to be separated from the Indian Section on 1-10-1948. With the vast exchange of populations on both sides and the resulting difficulties, a number of our Lodges had ceased to exist since partition. From then on, the slow and arduous task of

rebuilding the work and orienting it to suit a new religious and cultural group had to begin.

The work has not been easy. The presentation of Theosophy in an Islamic country seems to have met with problems in the history of the whole movement, for we do not find many Muslim members, and Sections in Islamic countries are not particularly large or strong. So our own peculiar situation was a challenge and an opportunity.

After these few years, our experience has shown that "Straight Theosophy" best suits our needs. Unfortunately there has never been a serious attempt at presenting Theosophy from the Islamic point of view, as there has been from the standpoints of the Hindu, Christian, and Buddhist. This task, of course, rests mainly upon Muslim members themselves and it is hoped that some good Theosophical *Muslim* students in India and Pakistan will apply themselves to the task. Here in Pakistan, such an attempt has been undertaken by one of our Muslim members of long standing who is compiling an interpretation of the Holy Quoran in the light of Theosophy. Needless to say, such an attempt will help our work in Muslim countries very greatly.

Even so, response to our efforts has been encouraging. Approximately 150 Muslim members have been enrolled as members of the Theosophical Society in these ten years in this country. Unfortunately, due to certain circumstances, a number of these members do not continue to remain *active* members. One reason for this is lack of lecturers and literature in Urdu or any of their mother tongues. Another, low economic level of the people, due to which annual dues do not get paid regularly and membership lapses. Political changes of major importance even after partition, *e.g.*, amalgamation of four provinces into one unit, have been another cause of losing members, who have had to leave one city for another where no Lodges exist, and membership is thus lost. Lack of good, devoted, consistent workers—even if few—is the problem of almost all Lodges in Pakistan, except Karachi.

The above explanation seems to be necessary in evaluating these first ten years and in stepping into the second decade. Coming to this last year's eval-

uation, we have to report that seven active Lodges are at present operating in Pakistan—two in Karachi, two in Hyderabad, one in Quetta, one in Lahore and one in Comilla (East Pakistan). A Centre exists at Jessore (East Pakistan). The total number of members as on 30th September 1958 was estimated to be 260. Forty-four new members have joined the Theosophical Society during the past year.

Activities.—The Karachi Lodge continues to be the largest and the most active Lodge of the area. A virile, happy, harmonious and dedicated membership raised large funds to put up its new building, which cost Rs. 3,25,000/- and which was graciously opened on 17th November 1957 by our International President, Brother N. Sri Ram. The new structure, raised as a Memorial to the undying memory of its finest member and one of the greatest Theosophists to be found anywhere—Jamshed Nusserwanjee—is known as Jamshed Memorial Hall. An imposing entrance, leading into a spacious foyer, opens out into a beautiful and large library housing over 8,000 volumes. From the front, it leads into an auditorium with a large, modern, well-equipped stage and a seating capacity of 450 persons. Yet on another side is found the Lodge office, a busy hive at all times. Two other storeys above this structure provide rooms for allied activities.

The Karachi Lodge holds weekly public lectures, study classes, forums and members' meetings; these activities keep the members busy and united in the work they love. Since the erection of the new building, T.O.S. activities have been recommenced, and on its programme are Adult Education Courses, Healing Ritual and visits to Welfare Groups, as well as Welfare Services run by members, which meet in the Lodge premises.

The Youth Lodge—inactive for some time—has revived its activities this year. Art and games find their place on their programme, as well as Theosophical studies.

Reports from other Lodges usually indicate a weekly study class and public lectures to celebrate days of Prophets, Theosophical leaders and Festivals. Comilla Lodge, which has its own building, has members coming in daily for study and conversation, besides weekly lectures, usually on religious subjects. Lodges in Karachi, Hyderabad, Quetta and Comilla have their own buildings.

Visitors.—We have received a number of visitors this year. As reported earlier, the International President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, came to inaugurate the Jamshed Memorial Hall. His visit to Karachi lasted for only 3 days but members were deeply inspired by his presence, many of them having met the President for the first time. In February this year Srimati Rukmini Devi came to Karachi with her group of Kalakshetra artists. They gave 4 performances during their stay, which helped us with the finances of our new building. During her visit Srimati Rukmini Devi addressed an Adyar Day meeting, gave a lecture on Art and addressed a Youth Lodge meeting. Later in the year, we had the pleasure of the visit of Miss Serge Brisy, who stayed with us for five weeks. At Karachi she gave a series

of talks and initiated a study class on *Light on the Path*. Later she accompanied the Presidential Agent to Quetta and gave a few talks there. Mr. M. Subramaniam came to Karachi in August and stayed with us for 3 weeks. He gave public lectures and addressed members' gatherings. We also had the pleasure of a visit from Mrs. Julie Stevens who was on her way to Adyar. Due to personal difficulties and my preoccupation with Karachi Lodge and other activities, I was not able to visit any other Lodge except Quetta Lodge this year.

Our little bulletin, *Theosophy in Pakistan*, has continued to be published monthly and draws our Lodges and members together. In the next ten years we must set about to stabilize, strengthen and promote our work. Our smaller Lodges must be made more effective. Some means must also be found to bring Theosophy to the masses in their own language. We have long thought of adding some Urdu pages to our bulletin, but as already expressed, we have problems of funds and workers.

But if difficulties exist, they can also be surmounted. The knowledge that Pakistan, as indeed the whole world, needs Theosophy at present more than anything else, must encourage us to face our difficulties with a joyful challenge.

GOOL MINWALLA,
Presidential Agent.

MALAYA AND SINGAPORE

In making a review of the year's activities, we can find satisfaction in the fact that there has been an all-round increase in membership in the three main Lodges, and we are also very glad to be able to report the resuscitation of Seremban Lodge due entirely to the hard work put in by

Mr. M. Sellasamy (a Penang member, recently transferred to Seremban). The 9 Seremban members are all Indians, and we shall concentrate on adding Chinese and Malay nationalities in future.

Kuala Lumpur Lodge scores the highest as regards general activities during the

year, and reports the admission of a good number of youthful members who are being trained for Theosophical work. Kuala Lumpur, being the capital of the Federation, has the advantage of a rapidly increasing population, and is becoming a very important international centre of political, cultural and economic interests. Kuala Lumpur is the only Lodge that has started the issue of a monthly bulletin, which serves the double purpose of giving Theosophical news and of creating a competitive urge among local Theosophists. All thanks to Mr. Harper's hard work.

Penang Lodge seems to have fallen into an enjoyable well-worn groove of slowly plodding along, getting members through the more reliable method of personal example than that of precept and dramatic propaganda. A dynamic combination of example and precept would be the ideal line of endeavor.

Singapore Lodge seems to find itself in a psychological 'fixation' and isolation in an environment largely preoccupied with politics, pleasures and perplexing anxieties in a justifiable atmosphere of uncertainty about the immediate future. Consequently, Miss Flinter and Brother Chan Chim Lim are working under

great difficulties in maintaining Lodge activities.

On the whole, the timely visit of Mr. and Mrs. Rohit Mehta created a very strong impression in the public mind throughout Singapore and Malaya, and greatly enhanced the prestige of Theosophical ideas which have so far not been accepted by the materialists. There has arisen lately a wholesome demand for Theosophical literature that will correlate spiritual teaching with the latest scientific concepts of space and time, mind, matter and energy. In the present political climate of Singapore and Malaya, Mr. Mehta's lectures on the application of Theosophy to social sciences will have a potential force in the matter of right approach to current problems affecting a plural society.

Another example of the value of a sound Theosophical background is shown in the case of Dr. Cheah Toon Lok (President of Penang Lodge), who generates love and brotherhood as a stabilizing force.

Malacca.—Efforts are at present being made to form a Lodge in Malacca.

C. H. YEANG,
Organizing Secretary.

NORTHERN IRELAND

A cold wind continues to blow through our membership register. A factor in our membership statistics, whose importance we have only lately recognized, has been a very high relative emigration rate. At least 16 members have gone overseas in the last ten years—the majority in the last five years—some transferring to other Sections, but many also lapsing. This would be the equivalent of 800 members leaving England in the same period,

1,100 leaving U.S.A., or 1,800 leaving India!

But our work seems little affected by the decline in numbers. We have a very steady core of workers, and the average age of our members is not high. Belfast Lodge regularly conducts about 65 public meetings each year, of which about half are public lectures. A members' meeting is held every week for 52 weeks in the year, and there are normally well over 20

other additional meetings for members, including meetings of a *Secret Doctrine* study group. The Lodge owes much to the energy and leadership of its President, Mr. John Warnock. Undeterred by the handicap of his blindness, he gives the Lodge that blend of decision, vitality and sympathy which unites the members into a very friendly and effective group of people. During the summer of 1958, the lecture hall at the Belfast Lodge building, which is also our Headquarters, has been repainted very attractively, re-carpeted, completely equipped with new seating, and made quieter and warmer by the installation of a new door.

Outside Belfast, our only really large population centre, the work of the Society is difficult and our members are often very isolated; but regular monthly meetings are held by Coleraine and Bangor Lodges.

Members of the Society are also active in many other organizations, including humanitarian, cultural and social service organizations and also in those several movements founded in the past by leaders of the Theosophical Society. Northern Ireland has a population of one and a third million; and, in relation to its size, this community is thus as persistently and pervasively penetrated by Theosophical thought and endeavor as most of the more advanced countries of the world.

Visiting speakers during the year have included Mrs. Hornidge, Mrs. E. M. Lavender, Colonel K. Chodkiewicz and Mr. John Coats. A limited number of tape-recordings have also been used. Otherwise our programme has been entirely homespun.

HUGH SHEARMAN,
Organizing Secretary.

ISRAEL

It appears as if the slow process of "breaking the ground," until quite recently the distinguishing mark of our Theosophical work in Israel since its inception in 1953, started to turn rather suddenly into a period of quickened growth and promising development. Just a few days before the expiration of the year under review, on the 21st September 1958, Mr. Hans Zeuger, the Presidential Agent, gave an introductory lecture on "The Theosophical Society and its Aims" at Haifa, our large Mediterranean port. This was the first talk of its kind ever delivered there and resulted not only in the admission of 9 enthusiastic new members but also in the forming of a new Lodge, Emmanuel, the fifth in this country. Our total membership has reached the figure of 54, an increase of 14.

Regular meetings for members at Covenant Lodge in Tel-Aviv, and for both members and visitors at Moriah Lodge in Jerusalem and Harmony Lodge in Tel-Aviv were held once a month as heretofore, whereas Galilea Lodge at Safad, owing to the particular circumstances prevailing there, maintained contact with the majority of its members living in out-of-the-way districts by means of correspondence only.

White Lotus Day was celebrated in the traditional manner, and members met informally in Tel-Aviv on various occasions during the summer recess, thus cultivating the bonds of friendship which link us all together in a very brotherly spirit.

A further consignment of Theosophical literature in English and German was

obtained from England in the course of the year, thus adding a number of valuable volumes to our still modest library. Theosophical periodicals were received from many different countries and gladly exchanged for our own local *Mitteilungs-*

blatt issued now, as before, in German, English, French and Hebrew, which seems to be increasingly sought after in Israel as well as abroad.

HANS ZEUGER,
Presidential Agent.

JAPAN

No Report

VIET-NAM

The Executive Council of the Vietnamese National Section, elected in July 1955, came to the end of its three-year term. This Council provided an effort worthy of praise in consolidating the fraternal link between the members, and in spreading Theosophical teaching not only to the members, but to sympathizers also. In conformity with the Statutes and internal Rules of the Section, a new Council of 12 members was elected on 27th July 1958, with Madame Nguyen-thi-Hai as General Secretary.

Activities.—The sixth anniversary of the National Section was celebrated on Easter Day, 6th April 1958. The following commemorative days were also arranged: Foundation Day, Theosophical Congress, Wesak, and White Lotus Day. On each of these occasions many members came and took part, and these cordial participants were relatively more numerous than in earlier years.

Taking advantage of last year's results, the new Council has elaborated a programme of action under three main headings, as follows:

1. The practice of compassion within the Section as well as in the Society.

2. The spread of the Wisdom teachings (Theosophy).

3. Attracting new members.

Membership.—This year we registered 143 new members and 7 former members rejoined. Two members died, 2 resigned and 69 lapsed. We have, therefore, a nett gain of 77 members over last year.

Lodges.—At present we have 12 Lodges, 7 of which we had when the Section was formed in 1952, 4 new Lodges spread over the period 1955 to 1956, and one this year. This last Lodge, named Dung Hanh which signifies "Fine Conduct," was formed on 8th December 1957 and is composed of a very active group of women members. Its programme of action is the study of Theosophy and the practice of qualities that are specifically feminine, such as compassion, gentleness, devotion. At present the membership of this Lodge numbers 52, of whom 26 are new.

Lodge Saigon continues its activities with a public course in Theosophy and the study of comparative religions twice weekly, thus furnishing its members and sympathizers with a solid knowledge of the Ancient Wisdom. The Lodge has at

present 128 members, some from the Capital and some from the provinces. The booklets giving this Lodge's course in Theosophy are much valued by the public; more than 7,000 of them were distributed during the course of this year.

Lodge Chon Ly, in the Capital of Central Viet-Nam (Hue) has done good work this year; it has organized 23 public talks, celebrated the festivals of Wesak and Asala, arranged three lectures for Buddhist monks who came from Saigon, opened a lecture hall that can hold 150 persons, opened an elementary school with three classes for children of families that are less fortunate, and taken part in social work for helping the needy in the Capital and its environments.

Lodge Phung Su (Young Theosophists' group) at Saigon has worked actively this year. Its weekly meetings and talks attract many sympathizers. The study group is always very friendly; it consolidates Theosophical teachings and encourages the spiritual research of each member. The effective membership is at present 19.

Lodge Kiem Ai (Universal Love) at Ban-co (Saigon) in its studies concentrates on "the mastery of the lower bodies with a view to acquiring virtues and being able to come nearer the Masters of the Wisdom". This Lodge, which has 18 members, has published for free distribution two Theosophical bulletins, each with an issue of 600 copies.

Lodge An Giang has published four quarterly bulletins of 600 copies each. Its meetings are devoted to a general study of Theosophy and it has 16 members.

Lodge Bac Ai at Tan-chau, with its 12 members scattered over the province, is not able to carry on ordinary work. Nevertheless, it is to be noted that this Lodge keeps constantly in touch with the Executive Council. Lodges Leadbeater and

Viet-Nam have not yet been able to reorganize their work.

The other Lodges in the provinces, such as Duoi Chon Thay at Vinh-long, Long Xuyen, and Nhon Ai at Soc-trang are inactive, although help is always available to them for their rehabilitation from the Council.

Propaganda.—Public lectures organized each first Sunday in the month at the Section Headquarters, draw an audience of about one hundred, who are for the most part members of the Society. The course in Theosophy (for members and the public) is carried on regularly each Sunday morning.

The Committee for Propaganda and the spread of Theosophical teachings has performed a work worthy of praise in publishing four brochures:

1. *What is Theosophy?* by G. S. Arundale, translated into Vietnamese by Mme. Nguyen-thi-Hai.

2. *Theosophy—The Reason for the Founding of the Theosophical Society*, by Mr. Nguyen van Huan.

3. *The Close Relationship between Theosophy and Buddhism*, by Mme. Nguyen-thi-Hai.

4. *The Mission of the Theosophical Society*, by Mme. Nguyen-thi-Hai.

For each of these booklets there was an issue of 3,000 copies, which were distributed free to members and sympathizers.

The review, *Tim Hieu Thong Thien Hoc* (For the Understanding of Theosophy), directed by Mr. and Mrs. Nguyen van Huan, serves as the Theosophical bulletin for the members and is the organ for the spreading of Theosophy to a wide public. The sympathy accorded to this review continues to grow. In addition, at every visit to the provinces, its faithful readers are always invited to take part in a friendly meeting. At present 6,000 copies of this review are printed. As a sequel to the study series, "The Universe

and Man," there has appeared "The Phach" (The Etheric Double), and there is now in the press "The Via" (The Astral Body).

The little book, *At the Feet of the Master* ("Duoi Chon Thay"), translated by Bach-Lien, was reprinted with 3,000 copies for free distribution. Thousands of copies of this book have already been published. In the coming year we envisage the translation of standard Theosophical books, and will continue to issue new propaganda booklets. The Library, with its 700 books in French, English and Vietnamese, furnishes students with the necessary elements for the study of Theosophy, the religions and philosophy.

Social Work.—The Orphanage maintained by the Theosophical Society, with its 48 children, is under the active care of its director, Dr. Cao van True, and deserves praise for the work it does. It is maintained by Government grants, the Red Cross, and donations from benefactors. This year the Section also participated in works of benevolence organized by the Government. It is planning to organize a "New Year Tree," when 300 poor people will receive gifts of clothes, food and Theosophical books.

General View.—The Section's efforts, outlined in 1957, are being amplified.

The constitutional reforms necessitated by this progress have brought happy changes, materially, intellectually and spiritually, and the esteem of the Government, the public and religious organizations increases, but we still have much to do in this domain.

Conclusion.—Generally, the National Section in Viet-Nam has done good work, due to the efforts of the Lodges and the active members. However, it would be desirable for *all the Lodges and all the members* to participate in the Section's undertakings and be inspired by the single aim of *serving the Society*. We place great hopes in their active participation and their right understanding of the Council's programme, which will greatly increase the number of people who have a knowledge of Theosophy.

In July 1959 we are to be honored with a visit from Mr. Geoffrey Hodson, accompanied by Miss Sandra Chase. During his stay of three months, he will give us the results of his study and researches. This unique event will be of inestimable value to us and we feel sure that the entire Section will benefit, and that its future will be more brilliant than ever.

NGUYEN-THI-HAI,

General Secretary.

VENEZUELA

This annual Report is for the fifth year of Theosophical activity in the Venezuelan Section. During the period mentioned, we have carried on our usual activities.

New Members.—Nineteen new members joined during the year and their application forms have been sent to Headquarters.

Membership Losses.—During the year four members left the Society, the first

three having voluntarily resigned and the last having returned to Italy.

Lodges.—A new Lodge, Apolonio de Tyana, was formed in the city of Valencia with 8 members, and it has been working satisfactorily. Lodge Vargas has been dissolved as all the members had ceased to attend. The other Lodges are working regularly.

The Future.—Although the attendance of all the members at the Lodges is not complete, nevertheless, we have full confidence in our future growth and the spread of Theosophical ideals in Venezuela.

Our small magazine, *Unidad*, is accomplishing its propaganda mission in a satisfactory manner.

PABLO BONILLA T.,
General Secretary.

WEST AFRICA

Membership.—The membership position has slowed down considerably: during the year only 18 enrolments were made. The rapid political changes, with resultant sudden transfers and scholarships to youths, have taken away many of the members who have since been unable to link up with us. It is hoped these may rejoin in due course when they become settled.

Lodges and Centres.—No new Lodge was formed during the year. Five Centres organized were at Zaria, Jos, Lokoja and Kano in Nigeria and Tarkwa in Ghana. The activities in the existing Lodges and Centres have been steadily maintained. The Assistant Organizing Secretary visited the provincial Lodges and Centres in Ghana and gave public lectures which were well attended. He also had contacts with persons who appeared to have been prejudiced against the Theosophical Society from insufficient information about it, and so helped them to a clearer understanding of Theosophy and the nature and purpose of the Society.

Convention.—The annual Convention came off successfully. It was held on one day only owing to a change in the law of the country which made the Saturday during Easter not a public holiday. For

the first time in the history of the local Society, the Convention was publicized over the national radio by means of a recorded talk by the Publicity Secretary on "What Theosophy is". Mr. M. de Ensor, then holding the post of Senior Administrative Officer in the Ministry of Local Government, gave a public lecture on "Man in Relation to Other Forms of Life".

Summer School.—This year the Raja Lodge was host for the Summer School which was held in the Ashanti Region. It lasted for three days. Lodgings were provided in the compounds of the Kumasi College of Technology. The members performed physical exercises together in the morning and after meditation and breakfast attended the meetings in the Kumasi Town. Arrangements were made for the participants to visit places of interest amongst which were the historic Lake Bosumtwi, the Cadbury Hall and the Public Library.

The Organizing Secretary, who had been ill for almost two years, is now regaining health speedily. Three deaths reported were those of Messrs. E. K. Boison, K. A. Osei (Raja Lodge) and Frank Nunoo (Unattached).

K. BRAKATU ATEKO,
Organizing Secretary.

CANADIAN FEDERATION

The past year has been one of steady progress for the Lodges of the Canadian Federation. Twenty-one new members were admitted and three transferred from other Sections. This increase was offset by the deletion of 20 lapsed members which only left us a nett gain in membership of four—however, these figures do not tell the whole story.

The Federation's second annual Convention was held in May, in Victoria, B.C., with Besant Lodge as host Lodge. This was an enthusiastic and very beneficial meeting of members of the Lodges, together with a representative group from the Lodges in the States of Washington and Oregon, U.S.A., and this despite somewhat serious transportation difficulties owing to a strike.

In Vancouver, B.C., Hermes Lodge, after many trials and tribulations, finished the building of their new Hall—which is also the Headquarters of the Canadian Federation. All the members are delighted with this venture and so far no dissenting voice has been heard, and those who have visited it from other parts have been loud in their praise of this undertaking. The one disappointment was the inability of our International President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, to visit Vancouver this year and officially dedicate the building. However, in September we were fortunate enough to have Miss Clara Codd perform this task for us.

The Federation Secretary and representatives of Lodges right across Canada were fortunate enough to be able to attend the Convention and Summer School of the American Section in July. This was a memorable occasion for all of us, and following this the Federation Secretary and her companion, Mrs. Rogers, motored back across Canada, visiting members and Lodges from Montreal to the West Coast, meeting with enthusiasm and increased interest in all places. This tour, while it is hoped it was of help to the Lodges already established, has made us realize how many centres and towns across the country have no contact with Theosophy and its message. It is a serious problem and one that must be tackled in some measure without delay.

Then, for the first time, and it is sincerely to be hoped not the last, two of the members of the Canadian Federation were able to attend the Convention at Adyar, and they naturally came back with very enthusiastic reports. Many of us wish that we could go, and some are seriously working towards that end with the double idea of attending the School of the Wisdom. It is to be hoped that the work started this year will bear good fruit during 1958-1959.

JOAN S. MORRIS,
Secretary.

EUROPEAN FEDERATION

In presenting the annual Report for 1957-1958, one may certainly speak of a year full of a great number of varied activities, amongst which the meeting of the European Council at Rendsburg

during the first three days of the German Summer School at the beginning of August, must be given the first place. Some 90 people were present, of whom about 75 were Germans. Besides

Germany, 7 European Sections—Austria, Denmark, England, France, Holland, Sweden and Switzerland—were represented by their General Secretary or by an official delegate. One of the main decisions of the Council was to hold the next European Congress in Hamburg, from 2nd—10th August 1959.

These yearly Council meetings are of an ever growing importance. They have created strong bonds of friendship among all workers in Europe, resulting from dealing with the many problems in common, from mutual contacts and the recognition that we all serve a common purpose.

In this Council of European Sections, even the most isolated and smallest, all on an equal footing, are represented by their General Secretary and one official delegate. Out of this may grow a unity—a spiritual nucleus, we hope—in a Europe still struggling for greater unity.

The German-speaking Regional Committee is meeting yearly in Basle and the French-speaking in Brussels, both in early spring. These annual meetings of officials, under the chairmanship of the European General Secretary, have become very popular and are developing into small international gatherings. The Regional Committee of the British Isles and Ireland met at Camberley after Whitsuntide. Here, too, is an increasing sense of group co-operation.

The Summer Schools organized by the Regional Committee at Pichl Ennstal (Austria) and Swanwick (England) have been a great success. The one held at Ordino, in the Republic of Andorra, in September, was presided over by myself. It was attended by 88 members, of whom 48 were from Latin countries—not actually belonging to the French-speaking Regional Group. It was the first time that these members had the opportunity of meeting again their brethren from other countries,

and it proved a most happy and successful gathering. The other members were from France, Belgium, Switzerland and Holland.

These Regional activities held in different parts of Europe form natural groups within the larger work of the Federation and have proved to be of the greatest value.

The European Young Theosophists, with whom there is a good lively contact, this year held their own camp at Gammel Praestegaard (Denmark). Their periodical, *Enthousiasme*, is well edited and has articles in various languages.

Our own three periodicals, *Theosophy in Action*, *Adyar* (German), and *Clarté* (French) are of a high standard and greatly contribute to the spreading of Theosophical thought all over Europe, as well as in keeping our members informed about our work everywhere. *Theosophy in Action* issues 1,000 copies each quarter, over 500 of which go outside Europe, especially to the United States, Australia, South Africa and New Zealand.

It may also be mentioned that the Belgian General Secretary and his co-workers organized a "special service," "EXPO '58," for members from abroad visiting Brussels.

As new General Secretaries we have welcomed in our midst Mrs. Eva Ostelius (Sweden), Dr. L. J. Bendit (England), Bishop Dr. N. Lauppert (Austria) and Mr. Phan Chon Ton (European Young Theosophists). I recall with gratitude the work of Herr Fritz Schleifer, who for a great number of years held the office of General Secretary in Austria, under most difficult situations. I am thinking especially of the years immediately after the second world war when political, social and economic conditions were at a low ebb in Austria and when he so bravely held his post in Vienna during Russian occupation.

Research work has been further developing, especially in England and in Holland, where the Research Centre has already done important work.

The Round Table is growing and it is interesting to see their meetings appear more and more in the programmes of Conventions and Summer Schools.

In the coming years more attention will have to be paid, than is at present the case, to the work of the younger generation, who before very long will have to take our place. They must not only be given, of course, full opportunity to prepare themselves for the task in a world different to ours with which they will then be confronted, but our presentation of Theosophy must always be such that it attracts large numbers of future workers.

Besides presiding over the Regional Committee meetings in Basle and Brussels, the European General Secretary went to England in the spring to meet the President who was on his way to the United States; then he visited Finland and Sweden, lecturing to members and meeting officials and members. In the beginning of September he went to Paris to meet the President again, before going to Ordino to preside over the Regional Summer School. In October, he visited Hamburg to see about the arrangements for next year's European Congress; then he paid a two days' visit to Oslo on his way to Iceland, where he spent 10 days

addressing both public and members' meetings and making new and useful contacts. On his return journey to Holland he stayed a day at Camberley.

It is gratifying to know that the work in these and other distant Sections is conducted with the same enthusiasm as everywhere else.

Speaking quite frankly and in general, the work of individual Lodges often lacks the spirit of renewal and adaptation to the present fast changing times. This may explain to some extent our loss in membership.

Owing to family reasons, Mr. Aeisso Raven is not able to continue his work as Treasurer. We owe him great gratitude for the magnificent work done for a good many years. To me his resignation is also a great personal loss. Owing to my own increasing amount of work, the Executive Committee agreed that Professor Dr. A. M. Haas should assist me as Assistant General Secretary and Acting Treasurer.

I would like to end this report with some words lately spoken by General de Gaulle in connection with the future of France, which apply wonderfully well to our own great task ahead:

"La route est dure, mais elle est belle
Le but est difficile, mais comme il
est grand

Allons—le départ est donné "

J. E. VAN DISSEL,
General Secretary.

LODGES ATTACHED DIRECT TO ADYAR

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LODGE ARMONIA:

The number of active members of our Lodge is seven. We have to inform you of the passing away of Bro. Franc Leo, Ex-President of the Lodge. At our meetings we have many enquirers, but they do not come regularly.

During the year our work has been on the following subjects: (a) The Founders of the Theosophical Society—discussions on their work; (b) The Spiritual "I"; (c) Study of Mabel Collins' *Light on the Path*; (d) Discussions on the work of Gurdjieff, *De Todo y sobre Todo*, and the book by M. Nicoll, *El Tiempo Vivo*; (e) The study of Astrology as a useful factor in evolution.

FERNANDO MANTILLA,
President.

LODGE H. P. B. :

Activities.—Lodge H. P. B. has been working independently since the National Section in Peru was suspended in 1956. Meetings are held three times weekly; for the purpose of publicizing Theosophy some meetings are for the public, and others for members of the Lodge. The atmosphere is brotherly.

Number of Members.—In the year 1956 six members resigned and we were left with 28; in the year 1957 nine new members joined, but seven left, so that the year ended with 30 members. During the present year, 21 new members joined, so that today our number is 51.

JORGE TORRES UGARRIZA,
President.

LODGE EVOLUTION:

Attendance.—At the study meetings the attendance has comprised about half of the active members enrolled. Interested members from other Lodges have also attended our Theosophical studies, especially from H. P. B. Lodge in this city. Normally we can count on an attendance of 8 persons. We have 7 members in the Lodge.

Subjects Studied.—In the matter of the subjects for study, the main object has been to acquire a knowledge of Theosophy, at the same time showing the practical nature and the operative character of Theosophy. We seek to spread the message of Theosophy and to demonstrate to every class of people the great service that the Theosophical Society renders to humanity.

An endeavor is also made to see that the subjects dealt with are in harmony with the ideas that reign in the world today in the fields of social, economic and physical science, religion, politics and art.

For our inspiration we have gone to the teachings of the Masters, and to publications issued by the Headquarters of the Society and by various National Sections.

SEGUNDO RODRIGUEZ,
President.

LODGE LIBERACION:

No Report.

LODGE PAZ Y AMOR:

The activities of the Lodge during the year which ended on 30th September 1958, were as follows: (1) Sessions of Instruction and Administration; (2) Ritual of the Mystic Star; (3) Outside Social Service; (4) School for Boys and Girls.

The membership is 30, but active members number only 10.

Our Social Service activities are

presided over by Bro. Sassone Sarfaty; they consist of distribution of bread, fruit and money to sick people in all the hospitals and to old people in institutions.

The School is directed by Sister Consuelo de Torre Luna, who is helped by Sister Dana María Cano, and gives free instruction to thirty scholars.

C. DE TORRE LUNA,
Secretary.

BOLIVIA

LODGE PAZ:

Lodge Paz has carried on during the year in spite of the difficulties which arose because of the change to a new place of meeting. We have held three general meetings open to the public, with special lectures. In addition we celebrated the principal commemorative days of the Society.

We have been favored by a visit from Bro. German Valdetaro from Rosario, Argentina, who came expressly to give three Theosophical talks, and to whom we expressed our brotherhood in various ways.

The Lodge has been strengthened by the return of two old Theosophists who had been absent from our country for several years, Bros. Paquita y Fulgencio Iborra Munoz and Luis Pedro Hernandez, who are once again giving all their enthusiasm and co-operation to the work.

The main repairs to the new property belonging to the Theosophical Society

have been finished, and it has been occupied by Lodge Paz since May last.

Regular weekly meetings are held and the Lodge has carried on normally. The basic plan for the year has been the study of articles written by our leaders dealing with the work of the Theosophical Society and the method of conducting Lodge work. At present we are studying *The Ancient Wisdom* by Annie Besant.

Major importance has been given to the study of classical books on Theosophy which so well promote liveliness in our studies. Pleasant and varied comments and vigorous exchanges of opinion have given much vitality to our meetings.

MARIO CARIAGA A.,
President.

LODGE LIBERACION:

No Report.

THE WORLD FEDERATION OF YOUNG THEOSOPHISTS

The last annual Business Meeting was held in the Youth Headquarters at Adyar during the 82nd International Convention in December 1957, under the chairmanship of our President, Srimati Rukmini Devi. Srimati G. Sundari and Srimati S. Sankari were re-elected as General Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Those elected to the Executive Committee were: Srimatis S. Vasantha, S. Visalakshi, A. Sarada and Meenakshi Shankar Rao.

There was an interesting Youth Symposium during the International Convention on "Theosophy Today," presided over by Miss Shirley Macpherson of Australia. Mr. Ananda Suyono of Indonesia, Mr. Frank Dorofaëff of New Zealand, and Mr. S. Ravi and Mrs. Meenakshi Shankar Rao from India participated. At the end Srimati Rukmini Devi spoke a few words about the responsibility of Theosophists towards the Youth.

Our Work in the Past Year.—The correspondence between the Youth Headquarters and the different Federations was not continuous, though some, like the New Zealand and Brazilian Young Theosophists, had written regularly. Changes of office-bearers or addresses are not always reported to the Headquarters.

Summary of the Reports from the Different Federations:

Argentina.—Mr. Mirco Orlandi, President of the Group, "Juventud of Young Theosophists of Rio Cuarto," which was founded in July 1956, wrote through the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Argentina asking for its affiliation to the World Federation. The Constitution of the World Federation was sent and we hope to welcome this Section in our Federation soon. Some of the members of this group of Young Theo-

sophists, which meets regularly, also belong to an organization which co-operates with the work of the United Nations in Rio Cuarto.

The group of Young Theosophists in Buenos Aires, called "Renacer," consists of 13 members at present. They are very active and meet every Saturday evening to study Theosophical books and the Spanish edition of *The Theosophist*. Outside speakers, as well as the Young Theosophists themselves, have directed and participated in these meetings.

Australia.—Groups are all active, although there appears to have been a decline in activity towards the latter part of the year. Adelaide group has a membership of 14 and meets bi-monthly on a Sunday. Discussion meetings are held and talks are given by members, resulting in very interesting programmes. In Brisbane, the group continues to be active. Melbourne has 23 members, whose activities include art evenings, open discussion and study nights. Film evenings and training of chairmen are also part of their programme. In Perth, where the membership is 8, the group meets every first and third Friday. They conduct study groups and periodically provide the parent Lodge with an evening's programme. Their usual Christmas Tree for needy children was given for approximately 24 children this year. The Sydney group of 44 members meets weekly. They invite guests from outside organizations to speak at their meetings and, on any fifth Friday, a social evening is held. *Fraternity*, the official organ of the Australian Federation, is still being published quarterly, but on a reduced scale—more in the form of a news-sheet.

Brazil.—Contact with this Federation, which had ceased since 1954, was renewed

as a result of the visit to Adyar last year of Mr. Wadih Miguel Joao. A number of young people in Adyar now correspond regularly with the Brazilian Young Theosophists. There are Youth Lodges in Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro. There is also a Youth Group in the City of Belo Horizonte.

A Summer School session was held in January 1955 in Rio de Janeiro during the visit of Srimati Rukmini Devi. A second one was held in Sao Paulo in May 1956 on the occasion of Sri N. Sri Ram's visit. The third Congress, or Summer School session, was held in Rio de Janeiro in February 1958. The President of the Sao Paulo Lodge, Alcyr Anisio Ferreira, writes that the Young Theosophists participate in the work of the Theosophical Order of Service, translate articles from *The Theosophist*, and organize recorded sessions of classical music and choral groups. Advanced courses in Theosophy are conducted by Mr. Joao Batista Brito Pinto, Director of Propaganda of the Argentine Section.

Europe.—The Federation President, Mr. Rob van Vloten, resigned during the year and Mr. Phan-Chon-Ton, who is now the President, writes that though there is in general a decrease of interest in the Youth Movement, the Young Theosophists are usefully engaged in different fields of activity. The magazine *Enthousiasme* is published regularly and the different groups also meet regularly. A camp was held at Mirwart in Belgium, the theme being "Our Dharma" (as Young Theosophists). Members from 15 countries attended this camp.

India.—The Young Theosophists in India are actively engaged in various fields of Theosophical activity, though the All-India Federation was dissolved last year. The Adyar Young Theo-

sophists are specially engaged in educational, cultural and animal welfare activities. The Youth Lodges in India have joined the local Federations of the Indian Section. The Adyar Young Theosophists propose to form themselves into a group with the General Secretary and the Treasurer of the World Federation as their office bearers and to apply for affiliation to the World Federation of Young Theosophists as a special case.

We were specially happy to have in our midst recently at Adyar Miss Shirley Macpherson from Australia, Mr. John Kunz from U.S.A., Mr. Ananda Suyono from Indonesia, and Mr. Wadih Miguel Joao from Brazil.

New Zealand.—This year proved to be a rather disjointed one for the New Zealand Federation of Young Theosophists, which was formed in December 1957. Our very able secretary, Miss Isobel Mason, unfortunately left us early in the year to go to Australia, and as there had been no grooming of a future secretary, the Federation activities slowed down to a certain degree. The three centres of Auckland, Christchurch and Whangarei supplied all the membership excepting one unattached member. Auckland with 12 members, is the strongest group; Whangarei has 8, and Christchurch 3 members. Only one newsletter was circularized this year. We were indebted to Miss Georgina Boyd who collected names and addresses of interested young people, and as a result quite a large mailing list was compiled. No magazine has been published this year, although there is sufficient material on hand to commence publication early in the new year. During Easter weekend, members from Auckland, Christchurch and Whangarei spent a most enjoyable time at Arundale Park, Orewa. The Auckland Young Theosophists also spent the holiday weekend

of Labour Day at the same place. It is our earnest desire that, in the forthcoming year, we may be able to obtain interested new members, and in any way possible further the cause of Theosophy.

United States.—The American Section of the Young Theosophists was reorganized during the year 1958, with the following activities: (1) Revived the newsletter, now called *Young Theosophical Thoughts*. (2) Planned a biennial edition of *Youth Brotherhood*. (3) Continued support of the Andreas Foccus Scholarship Fund, now enlarged to be used wherever needed in the educational programme of Camp Kolokinthou, Greece. (4) Established a Y. T. Youth Camp at Ann Arbor, Michigan. Work-week-ends, combined with social activities, and financial donations, are making this Camp a reality. (5) Held the National Y. T. Convention on July 13th and the National Y. T. Con-

ference on July 20th at Olcott, in conjunction with the American Section of the Theosophical Society at its National Headquarters. (6) Special activity: the Young Theosophists were invited as special guests of the Michigan-Ohio Federation in September, at Ann Arbor, Michigan, the highlight of which was a Round Table conference with the International President, Mr. N. Sri Ram.

In concluding this report, I extend my grateful thanks to Srimati Rukmini Devi for her encouragement and guidance, to Srimati S. Sankari, our Treasurer, who has been taking care of the Youth Headquarters Building at Adyar, and Sri V. Desikan for kindly auditing the statement of accounts. I am specially grateful to Sri Naranji Kevat for keeping the Youth Headquarters clean.

G. SUNDARI,
General Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS

ADYAR, MADRAS 20

OFFICERS

1957-1958

Executive Committee:

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| (1) THE PRESIDENT | } | <i>Ex-officio</i> |
| (2) THE VICE-PRESIDENT | | |
| (3) THE RECORDING SECRETARY | | |
| (4) THE TREASURER | | |
| (5) MRS. RADHA S. BURNIER | | |
| (6) MISS ANN KERR | | |
| (7) MR. N. A. NAGANATHAN | | |
| (8) MR. K. S. RAJAGOPALAN | | |
| (9) SRIMATI RUKMINI DEVI | | |
| (10) MR. S. G. VENKATARAMANAN | | |

Adyar Library: DIRECTOR: MISS ANN KERR, LIBRARIAN: MRS. SEETHA NEELAKANTAN.

Archives: MISS KATHERINE A. BEECHEY.

Bhojanasala: SUPERINTENDENT: MR. S. KRISHNAMURTI.

Dispensary: MEDICAL OFFICER: DR. E. SUNDARESAN; DR. G. BROACHA.

Engineering Department: SUPERINTENDENT: MR. M. D. SUBRAMANIAM.

Garden Department: ADVISER: MR. N. YAGNESVARA SASTRY.

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Legal Adviser: MR. N. K. CHOKSY, Q.C.

Post Office: SUB-POSTMASTER: MR. V. SRINIVASAN.

Sanitation and Hygiene Officer: MADAME P. CAZIN.

School of the Wisdom: PRINCIPAL: MR. N. SRI RAM; DIRECTOR OF STUDIES:

MISS EMMA HUNT.

The Theosophical Publishing House: MANAGER: MR. K. S. KRISHNAMURTI.

The Vasanta Press: MANAGER: MR. M. SUBRAMANIAM.

Watch and Ward Department: SUPERINTENDENT: MR. K. S. KRISHNAMURTI.

THE ADYAR LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1957-58

During the year under report the Adyar Library has been occupied with the task begun last year of cataloguing manuscripts and also reclassifying and renumbering them in a more convenient form. Of the works in the press last year, the *Lakṣmītantra* will very shortly be ready for distribution.

Staff.—There has been no change in the staff.

MSS. Catalogue.—Pandit Ramachandra Sarma has completed the catalogue of the *Dharmaśāstra* manuscripts but it has yet to be scrutinized by Pandit V. Krishnamacharya. It was also decided to include in the Descriptive Catalogues the 1,262 manuscripts received from Visvabharati. Pandit V. Krishnamacharya has made these additions to the catalogue of Viśiṣṭ-ādvaita and other Vedānta MSS. Dr. Sreekrishna Sarma has continued work on the Visvabharati manuscripts.

Reshelving.—The reshelving of paper manuscripts, undertaken last year for the better use of available space, has been completed. The paper manuscripts have been renumbered and rearranged, the originals now being housed separately from the transcripts. Under the new arrangement the Sanskrit paper manuscripts have a separate classification from those of other languages.

Book Catalogue.—Checking of the new card catalogue is proceeding. Work on the books of the Western section by Srimati Siitaa Devii is nearing completion. Cards made for the Eastern section have yet to be checked.

Publications.—The *Lakṣmītantra* is due to be released very shortly. The new edition of Vol. II of *Śaṅgītaratnākara* will

also be available soon. *The Epistemology of Śrī Madhva*, originally planned as a publication in the Adyar Library Series, will now appear in the December 1958 issue of *The Adyar Library Bulletin* under the title *The Epistemology of Dvaita Vedānta*. The *Sarva-deva-vilāsa* which appeared serially in two issues of *The Adyar Library Bulletin* has since been published in the Adyar Library Pamphlet Series (No. 33), edited, with critical introduction, by Dr. V. Raghavan.

Bulletin.—The *Brahmavidyā*, Adyar Library's quarterly bulletin, has now 94 subscribers and it is being exchanged with 95 journals published by other institutions. New exchanges include the journals of the German Oriental Society and the Museum für Völkerkunde in Leipzig, the *Zeitschrift für Religions und Geistesgeschichte* from Marburg University, the *Journal Asiatique*, the *Harvard Journal of Asiatic Studies*, the *Orientalia Suecana* from Uppsala University, the Calcutta Sanskrit College's journal *Our Heritage*, *Vedavani* from Benares, *Nadasudha*, a journal of music and *Yoga-Mimamsa* from Poona.

We have also reinstituted subscriptions to the journals of the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland and the School of Oriental and African Studies, London, both of which had been dropped in 1939 at the commencement of the war.

Copying.—During the year 39 transcripts were made, 32 of them on order and 7 for the Library's own use.

Binding and Repair.—In addition to 99 issues of *The Theosophist* being bound for the Library in the Vasanta Press, 307 books were bound in the Library and 128

manuscripts repaired. Mr. E. Fernandez Orfila, who supervises repair and preservation work, was sent by the Library for a month of training under Mr. John Alden, an expert from the U. S. A. who held a course on manuscript binding and repair, at Calcutta.

Works Used.—The Library has 182 readers, 86 resident readers, 42 borrowers and 4 Braille borrowers on its list. The number of books consulted during the year is 7,806 and books borrowed, 3,168; manuscripts consulted total 3,315. Twelve were lent.

Accession.—Books accessed number 1,160. Two paper manuscripts and 6 transcripts made in the Library were also accessed. A microfilm of the *Mahāmāyūrī* bought from the India Office Library has also been added to our holdings.

Gifts.—Among gifts we would like to acknowledge with grateful thanks manuscripts from Sri Santhana Sastrigal of Mayuram, books from the United States Information Library and an electric stylus from the U. S. Information Services.

Exchange of Publications.—The Library has now arranged to exchange its publications with the Uppsala University, Sweden, whose doctoral theses are received here. Exchange has been revived with the Asiatic Society of Bengal. Exchanges have been made with Hamburg University Seminar for Indian History and Culture, the Harvard Oriental Series and the Calcutta Sanskrit College. Publications received in exchange number 123.

Visitors.—Among the visitors to the Library during the year were Lord and

Lady Pethick Lawrence; Mr. Jack Dalton of the American Library Association; Mr. and Mrs. Watumall; H. E. Bishnuram Medhi, Governor of Madras; Vice-Admiral and Mrs. Carlill; Dr. Waldschmidt of the Göttingen University; Mr. John E. Alden of the Boston Public Library; Prof. Ernest Benz of Marburg University; Admiral Sir Gerald Gladstone, Commander-in-Chief, Far East Station, and Mrs. Gladstone; Professor F. H. Young, visiting Professor of Philosophy, Fairleigh Dickinson College and University; Mr. G. M. McNeal, University of Miami; and Prof. Carl-Martin Edsman of Uppsala University.

Building.—Plans for a new building for the Library have reached a further stage. Blueprints are nearly ready and we hope to be able soon to lay the foundation and erect some part of the building. But further contributions to the Building Funds will be necessary to complete our plans. We once again make an appeal to all friends and well-wishers.

We take this opportunity to express once more our grateful appreciation to our Adviser, Dr. V. Raghavan, for the keen interest he takes in the Adyar Library and its work, for his continued helpfulness given so graciously out of his very full programme of activity in the fields of Sanskrit scholarship, Education and Art. We also thank all others who have assisted in the work of the Library through contributions of service, books, manuscripts and money.

ANN KERR,
Director.

THE SCHOOL OF THE WISDOM

REPORT FOR 1957-58

The ninth session of the School of the Wisdom, from 2nd October 1957 to 7th March 1958, has been most successful. There were 21 registered students, twelve of whom completed the whole course. The students came from the following countries: Australia 2, Ceylon 1, England 2, India 7, Indonesia 1, New Zealand 1, Poland 1, Rhodesia 1, Singapore 2, Turkey 1, U. S. A. 2.

As in other years, the School early achieved a marked degree of integration and this unity and sense of comradeship were maintained throughout the course.

The faculty of the School this session consisted of the President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, Principal, Miss Emma Hunt, Director of Studies and Mr. M. Subramaniam, lecturer. The President illuminated the studies with his deep knowledge and clear vision, and his original and unique approach to Truth opened new avenues to understanding. Miss Emma Hunt was ever ready to give the students the benefit of her knowledge and wisdom culled from her own studies during her long membership of the Society and her experience as General Secretary in the New Zealand Section. During the last week of the first term, the School was fortunate in having a course of four lectures by Mr. Rohit Mehta who spoke on Evolution, its meaning, the significance of continuity and mutation, leading to the Path of Perfection: it was an inspired series of talks given from a new angle.

During the first week after the International Convention, Mr. and Mrs. James Perkins of U. S. A. gave some inspiring

talks. Mr. Perkins outlined his vision of the School of the Wisdom as it might develop into in the future, while Mrs. Kathrine Perkins spoke on the subject of a Creative Way of Living. We have been fortunate, too, in having a large number of lecturers to enrich the study.

Mrs. Olive Stevenson Howell, from England, spoke on Lecturing, Lodge work and psychological subjects.

Srimati Rukmini Devi, Indian Art.

Mrs. Radha Burnier, Epics of the Mahabharata and the Ramayana, and Indian Dance.

Mr. N. Yagnesvara Sastry, Indian Sculpture.

Mr. E. Norman Pearson, a series on Theosophy and Modern Science, and other subjects.

Mr. K. Sankara Menon, Theosophical Education, and *The Bhagavad Gita*.

Miss Shirley Macpherson, Ideals in Education.

Mrs. Mary Patterson, a series of lectures on Psychology.

Mrs. E. Marion Lavender, a short series on the Glyphs of *The Secret Doctrine*.

Mr. S. G. Venkataramanan, the Vegetable Kingdom.

Mr. Seymour Ballard, Western Philosophy.

Mrs. Ratna Navaratnam, an enlightening talk on the Shaivite conception of Hinduism in South India.

Miss Katherine A. Beechey, the History of the Society.

Miss Ann Kerr, the Constitution of the Society.

The programme of studies during the first term was concerned with Origins,

the Absolute, Manifestation, Involution, Evolution, and the Great Plan, leading to Man and his Constitution, his long pilgrimage on the Path of Perfection.

During the second term, the studies included the principal Religions of the World, Education, Science, Philosophy, Indian Art, Practical Occultism, *At the Feet of the Master*, *Light on the Path*, *The Voice of the Silence* and *The Bhagavad Gita*. The term ended with a study of the Theosophical Society, its Objects, officers, history, and its day-to-day workings.

A happy feature has been the series of public lectures given in Headquarters Hall on Friday evenings under the auspices of the School. These have all been of a high standard and were well attended. On these occasions the chair was taken by the students.

Among the students were several trained speakers who have not only made valuable contributions to the studies, but assisted in the International Convention, by giving short lectures or taking part in symposia or discussion groups.

During the afternoon sessions, the members of the School paid visits to the various departments at Adyar, and were grateful to the heads of departments who took much trouble to make the visits valuable as well as enjoyable. One afternoon each week was given to a

Speakers' Training Class which helped to develop the art of lecturing in the students. Another afternoon each week was given to the study of Lodge work and organization; during the first term this was taken by one of our students, Dr. Dorothy Rood, and was followed in the second term by some very inspiring talks by Mrs. Olive Stevenson Howell, Mr. James S. Perkins, and Miss Emma Hunt who dealt with the inner and occult side of Lodge work.

During both terms good use was made of the School library. One afternoon a week was devoted to special subjects when interesting talks were given by experienced lecturers.

In February a School outing was organized, when some of the students went by car to Kancheepuram where they were met by members of the local Lodge who very kindly acted as guides to show the famous temples with their priceless carving and fine architecture.

To our President, our Director, Mr. M. Subramaniam and all others who helped in the studies, the students tender their appreciation and grateful thanks. The School was an important event in the lives of all, and would help the Lodges in other Sections when the students returned.

GLADYS M. TAYLOR,
Secretary.

MEMORANDUM
OF
ASSOCIATION, ETC.

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

No. 2 of 1905

I hereby certify, pursuant to Act XXI of 1860 of the Governor-General of India in Council entitled "An Act for the Registration of Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies, 1860," that The Theosophical Society is duly incorporated as a Society under the aforesaid Act.



(Sd.) A. PERIYASWAMI MOODALIAR,
Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.

Station, Madras,
Dated 3rd April 1905.

THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

FOUNDED NOVEMBER 17, 1875. INCORPORATED APRIL 3, 1905.

*In the matter of Act XXI of 1860 of the Acts of the Viceroy
and Governor-General of India in Council, being
an Act for the registration of literary,
scientific and charitable Societies*

and

IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. The name of the Association is The Theosophical Society.

2. The objects for which the Society is established are:

I. To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.

II. To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy, and Science.

III. To investigate unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in man.

(a) The holding and management of all funds raised for the above objects.

(b) The purchase or acquisition on lease or in exchange or on hire or by

gift or otherwise of any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Society.

(c) The sale, improvement, management and development of all or any part of the property of the Society.

(d) The doing of all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them, including the founding and maintenance of a library or libraries.

3. The names, addresses and occupations of the persons who are members of, and form the first General Council which is the governing body of the Society, are as follows:

GENERAL COUNCIL

Ex-Officio

President-Founder:—H. S. Olcott, Adyar, Madras, Author.

Vice-President:—A. P. Sinnett, London, England, Author.

Recording Secretary:—Hon. Sir S. Subramania Aiyar, Madras, Justice of the High Court.

Treasurer:—W. A. English, M.D., Adyar, Madras, Retired Physician.

Alexander Fullerton, General Secretary, American Section, 7, West 8th St., New York.

Upendra Nath Basu, B.A., LL.B., General Secretary, Indian Section, Benares, U.P.

Bertram Keightley, M.A., General Secretary, British Section, 28, Albemarle St., London, W.

W. G. John, General Secretary, Australasian Section, 42, Margaret Street, Sydney, N.S.W.

Arvid Knos, General Secretary, Scandinavian Section, Engelbrechtsgatan, 7, Stockholm, Sweden.

C. W. Sanders, General Secretary, New Zealand Section, Queen Street, Auckland, N.Z.

W. B. Fricke, General Secretary, Netherlands Section, 76, Amsteldijk, Amsterdam.

Th. Pascal, M.D., General Secretary, French Section, 59, Avenue de la Bourdonnais, Paris.

Decio Calvari, General Secretary, Italian Section, 380, Corso Umberto I., Rome.

Dr. Rudolf Steiner, General Secretary, German Section, 95, Kaiserallee, Friedenau, Berlin.

Jose M. Masso, Acting General Secretary, Cuban Section, Havana, Cuba.

Additional

Annie Besant, Benares, Author, [for 3 years].

G. R. S. Mead, London, Author, [for 3 years].

Khan Bahadur Naoroji Dorabji Khandalvala, Poona, Special Judge, [for 3 years].

Dinshaw Jivaji Edal Behram, Surat, Physician, [for 2 years].

Francesca E. Arundale, Benares, Author, [for 2 years].

Tammacharla Ramachandra Row, Gooty, Retired Sub-Judge, [for 1 year].

Charles Blech, Paris, France, Retired Manufacturer, [for 1 year].

4. Henry Steel Olcott, who with the late Helena Petrovna Blavatsky and others founded the Theosophical Society at New York, United States of America, in the year 1875, shall hold, during his lifetime, the position of President, with the title of "President-Founder," and he shall have, alone, the authority and responsibility and shall exercise the functions provided in the Rules and Regulations for the Executive Committee, meetings of which he may call for consultation and advice as he may desire.

5. The income and property of the Society, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth

in this Memorandum of Association, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus, or otherwise by way of profits to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Society or to any of them or to any person claiming through any of them: Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Society or to any members thereof or other person in return for any services rendered to the Society.

6. No member or members of the General Council shall be answerable for any loss arising in the administration

or application of the said trust funds or sums of money or for any damage to or deterioration in the said trust premises unless such loss, damage or deterioration shall happen by or through his or their wilful default or neglect.

7. If upon the dissolution of the Society there shall remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Society or any of them but shall be given or transferred to some other Society or Association, Institution or Institutions, having objects similar to the objects of this Society, to be determined by the votes of not less than

Witnesses to the signatures:

(Sd.) WM. GLENNY KEAGEY ..
 „ ARTHUR RICHARDSON ..
 „ PYARE LAL ..
 „ PEROZE P. MEHERJEE ..

three-fifths of the members of the Society present personally or by proxy at a meeting called for the purpose, or in default thereof by such Judge or Court of Law as may have jurisdiction in the matter.

8. A copy of the Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is filed with this Memorandum of Association, and the undersigned being seven of the members of the Governing Body of the said Society do hereby certify that such copy of such Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is correct.

As witness our several and respective hands, this . . . day of March 1905.

{ (Sd.) H. S. OLCOTT
 „ W. A. ENGLISH
 „ SUBRAMANIAM
 „ FRANCESCA E. ARUNDALE
 „ UPENDRANATH BASU
 „ ANNIE BESANT
 „ N. D. KHANDALVALA

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION NAMED "THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY," ADYAR, MADRAS

1. The General Council shall be the Governing Body of The Theosophical Society. Not less than seven members of this Council shall be residents of India.

2. (a) The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary and the General Secretaries of the component National Societies (otherwise called Sections) shall *ex-officio* be members of the General Council. The terms of those members of the General Council who hold office *ex-officio* shall expire with the vacation of their qualifying office.

(b) The General Council shall include not less than 5 and not more than 10 Additional Members, among

whom all past Presidents while in good standing shall automatically have place. Other members shall on the nomination of the President be elected for a term of three years by vote of the General Council at its Annual Meeting, their names having been sent to the Members of the General Council at least three months before the Annual Meeting.

(c) Members retiring shall be eligible for re-election.

(d) The Recording Secretary shall be the Secretary of the General Council.

3. It shall be competent for the General Council to remove any of its members, or any officer of The Society excepting the President of The Theosophical Society and excepting the General

Secretaries of National Societies, by a three-fourths majority of its whole number of members, at a special meeting called for the purpose, of which at least three months' notice shall have been given, the quorum consisting, however, of not less than five members.

4. The General Council shall ordinarily meet once a year, at the time of the Annual Meeting or Convention of The Society; but a special meeting may be called at any time by the President, and shall be called at any time by him, or if not by him, by the Recording Secretary, on the written requisition of not less than one-fourth of the total number of members; but of such special meetings not less than three months' notice shall be given, and the notice shall contain a statement of the special business to be laid before the meeting.

5. At all meetings of the General Council, members thereof may vote in person, or in writing, or by proxy duly given to another member of the General Council for the particular meeting concerned. Except as aforesaid no member shall exercise more than one vote. No member shall be allowed to exercise more than 5 proxy votes.

Note: Meetings include Adjourned Meetings.

6. The quorum of an ordinary as well as of a special meeting of the General Council shall be five members. If there be no quorum, the meeting may be adjourned *sine die*, or the Chairman of the meeting may adjourn it to another date, of which three months' further notice shall be given, when the business of the meeting shall be disposed of, irrespective of whether there is a quorum present or not.

7. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, of The Society shall preside at all meetings of The Theosophical Society or of the General Council, and

shall have a casting vote in the case of an equal division of the members voting on any question before the meeting.

8. In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, the meeting shall elect a chairman from among the members present at the meeting, and he shall have a casting vote in the case of a tie.

9. The term of office of the President shall be seven years.

10. Six months before the expiration of a President's term of office, or within three days of the office becoming vacant, the Recording Secretary shall call upon the members of the General Council for nominations for the office of President. Such call shall be by cable, confirmed within two days by air and ordinary mails. Each member of the General Council shall be entitled to make not more than three nominations and each member who is a General Secretary shall consult with the respective Governing Body of the Section and shall make his nominations on its behalf. Any member of the Society in good standing shall be eligible for nomination. The written consent of the member nominated shall be necessary for the validity of the nomination. Such consent, if sent by telegraph or cable, shall be confirmed by letter so as to reach the Recording Secretary within forty-five days of the call for nominations.

At the expiration of forty-five days the Recording Secretary shall place all the nominations received, together with the relevant papers, before the Executive Committee at a meeting specially convened for the purpose. At such meeting the Executive Committee shall examine the nominations. All nominations for which the written consent of the nominated member has not been received, as provided in the foregoing paragraph, shall be rejected as invalid. The others shall be counted and the names shall be

listed in the order of the number of nominations received, beginning with the largest number of such nominations. Such list shall be designated "the nominations list".

From the nominations list a second list designated the "voting list" shall be prepared on which names from the nominations list shall be placed in the following manner:

1. The first name on the nominations list, or in the event of a tie, the names so tied.

2. If the voting list then contains less than three names, the next name, if any remain on the nominating list, or in the event of a tie, the names so tied.

3. If the voting list still contains less than three names, the next name, if any remain on the nominations list, or in the event of a tie, the names so tied.

4. There shall then be added from the nominations list in the order of the number of nominations received, beginning with the largest number, the names, if any remain, of any other nominees who have been nominated by not less than half the members of the General Council.

The voting list as so prepared and amended as hereinafter provided shall constitute the list of nominees to be voted upon and shall not be subject to challenge.

The Recording Secretary shall immediately in writing communicate all the names on the voting list to each nominee thereon. If the nominee is not at Adyar, the communication shall be by telegraph or cable, confirmed within two days by air and ordinary mails.

If during the succeeding twenty-eight days, any nominee withdraws his name, the Executive Committee shall cancel such name from the voting list and if such cancellations reduce the remaining names on the voting list to less than three, shall add thereto the next name if

any remain (or in the event of a tie, the next names so tied) on the nominations list.

Immediately following the expiration of the twenty-eight days the Recording Secretary shall communicate the voting list to the General Secretaries and to Lodges and Fellows-at-large attached to the Headquarters at Adyar. Such communication to the General Secretaries shall be by telegraph or cable confirmed within two days by air and ordinary mails.

If, however, a withdrawal is received by the Recording Secretary during the last five days of the twenty-eight day period, he shall have five additional days in which to immediately notify the next nominee on the nominations list by cable and to receive his consent. In the event of his not consenting to stand for election, five additional days shall again be given for similar notification and a response in respect of each succeeding name on the nominations list until a substitute consents to stand. In the event of the nominations list thus becoming exhausted the election shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of the next preceding paragraph.

If, thereafter, any nominee withdraws his name or dies, such name shall be struck from the voting list but no further substitution from the nominations list shall be made. Provided, however, that in the event of the death, at any time prior to the counting of the election votes, of any of the nominees on the voting list, such list shall be thereby cancelled and the whole procedure shall be repeated beginning with the call for nominations. In the event of such cancellation, the Recording Secretary shall immediately communicate the fact together with the call for new nominations to all members of the General Council by telegraph or cable confirmed

within two days by air and ordinary mails.

If only one name remains on the voting list the subsequent vote shall be taken on a "For" or "Against" ballot.

Upon receipt of the voting list each General Secretary shall take the individual vote of each of the voter-members of his Section, that is, of members of the National Society on his rolls at the close of the last official year of the Section, and whose annual dues at that time were not in arrears for more than one year, and shall communicate the result to the Recording Secretary, who shall himself take the votes of the Lodges and Fellows-at-large attached to the Headquarters at Adyar, who are not in arrears of annual dues for more than one year at the close of the last official year of the Society at Adyar.

At the expiration of six months from the call for nominations by the Recording Secretary, the results of the voting shall be counted by him. The Executive Committee shall appoint two of its members as scrutineers. The nominee receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected to the office of President.

If the voting results in the largest number of votes being given equally to two or more of the nominees, or if the voting upon the "For" or "Against" ballot results in the rejection of the one member receiving nomination, the nomination and election procedure herein provided shall be repeated and the President then in office or the Vice-President, if he is temporarily filling such office, shall continue therein until a new President is elected.

11. (a) The President shall nominate the Vice-President, subject to confirmation by the General Council, and his term of Office shall continue till a new Vice-President has been nominated and his nomination confirmed by the General Council.

It shall be his duty, among other things, to carry on the executive functions of the President in case the President is dead or where the Executive Committee finds that he is disabled by accident, serious illness or otherwise from performing the duties of the President.

(b) Notwithstanding anything herein contained the Vice-President doing the duties of the President shall continue to be the Vice-President of The Society until a new Vice-President has been nominated and his nomination confirmed by the General Council. In case of death, resignation or permanent disability of such Vice-President doing the duties of the President, the Executive Committee shall appoint a Vice-President who shall hold Office until the new President shall have nominated a new Vice-President and his nomination be confirmed by the General Council.

12. The President shall appoint the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary and such subordinate officials as he may find necessary, which appointments shall be reported to the Executive Committee at its next following meeting, and shall continue to be valid unless rejected by a majority of votes of the whole number of members in the Executive Committee, voting in person or by proxy, at the said meeting, the newly appointed Treasurer or Recording Secretary not being present, nor counting as a member of the Executive Committee for purposes of such vote.

13. The Treasurer, Recording Secretary and subordinate officials being assistants to the President in his capacity as executive officer of the General Council, the President shall have the authority to remove any appointee of his own to such offices.

14. The General Council shall at each Annual Meeting appoint an Executive Committee for the ensuing year, of not less than seven and not more than ten

members, of whom at least six shall be members of the General Council. The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Recording Secretary shall be *ex-officio* members. Vacancies caused by death or resignation or otherwise may be filled by co-optation.

15. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every three months for the receipt and consideration of accounts and the despatch of any other business. A special meeting may be called by the President whenever he thinks fit, and such meeting shall be called by him, or if not by him, by the Recording Secretary, when he is required to do so, by not less than three members of the Committee, who shall state to him in writing the business for which they wish the meeting to assemble.

16. At a meeting of the Executive Committee, three members shall constitute a quorum.

17. The Committee shall, in the absence of the President and Vice-President, elect a Chairman to preside over the meeting and in case of equality of votes the Chairman for the time being shall have a casting vote.

18. The President shall be the custodian of all the archives and records of The Society, and shall be the Executive Officer and shall conduct and direct the business of The Society in compliance with its rules; he shall be empowered to make temporary appointments and to fill provisionally all vacancies that occur in the offices of The Society, and shall have discretionary powers in all matters not specifically provided for in these Rules.

19. All subscriptions, donations and other moneys payable to the Association shall be received by the President, or the Treasurer, or the Recording Secretary, the receipt of either of whom in writing shall be sufficient discharge for the same.

20. The securities and uninvested funds of The Society shall be deposited in the State Bank of India, Madras, or such other Bank or Banks as the Executive Committee, T.S., shall select; and in countries outside of India, in such Banks as the President shall select. Cheques drawn against the funds shall be signed by any two of the following, the President, the Treasurer, the Recording Secretary and any other persons appointed by the President for the purpose under Rule 12.

21. (a) Notwithstanding anything in these rules to the contrary the President may, touching the assets and affairs of The Society beyond India, at any time and from time to time by a Power of Attorney appoint any persons to be the Attorneys of The Society for such period and subject to such conditions and for such purposes and with such authorities and powers as he may think fit, and he may if necessary affix the Seal of The Society thereto.

Without prejudice to the general powers conferred as aforesaid, the President may grant power and authority among others to sell, grant mortgage, lease or otherwise transfer the assets of The Society, movable or immovable, real or personal, and to receive subscriptions, donations, legacies, moneys and other property movable, or immovable, and to institute, continue, compromise, compound or refer to arbitration any actions, suits, or other proceedings, and to take and hold shares in any Company, and to vote at any meetings thereof, and to sub-delegate all or any of his powers, and to give receipts and releases, and to sign, seal and deliver any instrument or document and have the same registered.

(b) The funds of The Society may be invested by the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, in Government or other Public securities, or in the purchase of immovable

property or First Mortgages on such property.

(c) The Adyar Estate of The Society in Madras including The Society's original Headquarters and all other properties in Adyar since acquired by gift, purchase or otherwise, shall not at any time be disposed of by sale, gift, exchange, mortgage or otherwise; save that the President, if specially authorized by a resolution of the General Council, passed by a three-fourths vote of their members, voting in person, in writing or by proxy, may dispose of such outlying portions of the said Adyar Estate, as may be specified in such Resolutions.

(d) The President may, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, sell, mortgage or otherwise transfer any investment in Government or other Public securities, or any movable or immovable property of The Society other than those mentioned in Rule 21 (c).

22. (a) All deeds whereby immovable properties belonging to The Society are transferred or otherwise dealt with shall have affixed to them the Seal of The Society with the signature of the President and of the Recording Secretary. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is too ill to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

(b) All transfers of movable property, if in writing, shall bear the signature of the President and of the Recording Secretary but need not have affixed to them the Seal of The Society. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is too ill to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

Note: The procedure detailed in this Rule is without prejudice to the powers conferred under Rule 21 (a).

23. The Society may sue and be sued in the name of the President.

24. The Recording Secretary may, with the authority of the President, or of the two substitutes appointed according to Rule 22, affix the Seal of The Society on all instruments requiring to be sealed, and all such instruments shall be signed by the President or by the two substitutes above mentioned and the Recording Secretary.

25. On the death or resignation of the President, the Recording Secretary shall at once make arrangements for the election of a new President, in accordance with Rule 10, and until such new President is elected the Vice-President shall perform the duties of President.

HEADQUARTERS

26. Headquarters of The Society are established at Adyar, Madras, and are outside the jurisdiction of the Indian Section.

27. The President shall have full power and discretion to permit to any person the use of any portion or premises in the Adyar Estate for occupation and residence, on such terms as the President may lay down, or to refuse permission so to occupy or reside. Any person occupying or residing under the permission granted by the President shall, on a fortnight's notice given by or on behalf of the President, unconditionally quit the premises before the expiry of that period.

ORGANIZATION

28. Every person of ten full years of age, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour, shall be eligible for membership in The Society, but those under the age of eighteen shall be admitted to membership only with the written consent of parent or guardian.

29. Admission to membership may be obtained through the President of a Lodge, the General Secretary of a National Society, or through the Recording Secretary;

and a Diploma (Certificate) of membership shall be issued to the Fellow, bearing the signature of the President, and countersigned by the General Secretary, where the applicant resides within the territory of a National Society, or countersigned by the Recording Secretary, if admission to membership has been obtained through the Recording Secretary.

30. Lodges and Fellows, whether unattached or attached to a Lodge, residing within the territory of a National Society, must belong to that National Society, unless coming under Rule 31.

Provided that with the sanction of the President a member who belongs to one National Society may while retaining his membership of that National Society belong to another National Society, but he shall not be allowed to cast more than one vote in matters relating to The Theosophical Society.

31. (a) When an individual Fellow in good standing, for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such individual Fellow may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned who shall be under obligation duly to forward such application to the President as expeditiously as possible. This shall equally apply in the case of the admission of any new member.

(b) A Fellow of The Theosophical Society in good standing who is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he or she belongs or ought to belong under Rule 30 and of joining another National Society, may be permitted by the President to do so provided such Fellow presents reason sufficient in the opinion of the Pre-

sident to justify such action, and provided further that the application for transfer is submitted with the approval of the General Secretaries of both National Societies concerned.

This rule shall apply equally in the case of the admission of a new member.

(c) When a Lodge, for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which it belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such Lodge may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned who shall be under obligation duly to forward such application to the President as expeditiously as possible.

Before any Lodge shall have the right to apply to be directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, it shall have mailed to each of its members individually a notice that such application is about to be considered. Such notice must be mailed not less than two weeks before the meeting at which such consideration is to take place, and voting on the application shall be deferred until two months after that meeting. If at such first meeting, or any succeeding meeting pursuant thereto, it is decided to bring the application to a vote as herein provided, a full report of the reasons for such action shall at once be sent to the General Secretary of the National Society concerned.

Any application for separation from the National Society to which a Lodge belongs shall be ineffective unless two-thirds of the members of the Lodge vote in favour thereof.

(d) In the event of any undue delay in the transmission of any application under any of the foregoing provisions of

this Rule, a correct copy of such application (duly signed or otherwise authenticated) may be transmitted directly to the President by the Fellow or Lodge concerned, and the President may act on such copy if in his absolute discretion it appears to him to be fit or proper that he should so act. Any action so taken by the President shall be as valid and effectual, for all purposes, as if it had been taken on the original application submitted for transmission to the President. The Fellow or Lodge, when forwarding such copy to the President directly, shall state the full grounds and reasons for the direct transmission.

32. Lodges or Fellows-at-large, in countries where no National Society exists, must apply for their Charters or Diplomas (Certificates) directly to the Recording Secretary, and may not, without the sanction of the President, belong to National Societies within the territorial limits of which they are not situated or resident.

33. Any seven Fellows may apply to be chartered as a Lodge. In a country where no National Society exists the application must be forwarded to the President of The Society through the Recording Secretary.

34. The President shall have authority to grant or refuse applications for Charters, which, if issued, must bear his signature and that of the Recording Secretary, and the Seal of The Society, and be recorded at the Headquarters of The Society.

35. (a) A National Society may be formed by the President, upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges.

(b) The President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) certificates of Federation to any national group of Lodges not sufficient in number or otherwise unable to form or to maintain a National Society, as defined in these Rules, or where in his judgment

territorial division or other causes have made such Federation necessary or desirable. Any such Federation may elect an Organizing Secretary or other executive officer or officers for the purpose of further organization and the transaction of Federation business.

A Federation shall not appoint a General Secretary (as the term is used in these Rules) nor be represented on the General Council. In all other respects the Rules applicable to National Societies and to General Secretaries shall apply to Federations and to their chief executives.

(c) The President shall have authority at his discretion to appoint and to withdraw appointments of Presidential Agents to act under his instructions for the purposes of conducting the business and administration of The Society in any place and in any respect not inconsistent with these Rules. Each such appointment and the power delegated to each such Agent shall be evidenced by a Letter of Appointment referring to this Rule.

36. All Charters of National Societies or Lodges and all Diplomas (Certificates) of membership derive their authority from the President, acting as Executive Officer of the General Council of The Society, and may be cancelled by the same authority.

37. Each Lodge and National Society shall have the power to make its own Rules which shall not be incompatible with the Rules of the National Society to which the Lodge belongs or with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

All Rules of Lodges and National Societies and amendments thereto shall be submitted for approval within thirty days of their adoption as follows: In the case of a Lodge belonging to a National Society, all such Rules and amendments shall be submitted to the General Secretary of that National Society; in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge not situated within the territory of a National

Society or of a Lodge directly attached to Adyar under Rule 31 (c) all such Rules or amendments thereto shall be submitted directly to the President.

All Rules and amendments shall be put into force if approval has not been refused within ninety days of acknowledgment of their receipt.

If by a change made in a Rule of The Theosophical Society, any Rule of a National Society, which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of The Theosophical Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the National Society shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

If by a change made in a Rule of a National Society, any Rule of a Lodge, which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of the National Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the Lodge shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of the National Society.

38. Every National Society must appoint a General Secretary, who shall be the channel of official communication between the General Council and the National Society.

39. The General Secretary of each National Society shall forward to the President, annually, not later than the first day of November, a report of the year's work of his Society, and at any time furnish any further information the President or General Council may desire.

40. National Societies hitherto known as Sections, which have been incorporated under the name of "The . . . Section of The T.S." before the year 1908, may retain that name in their respective countries, in order not to interfere with the incorporation already existing, but shall be included under the name of National Societies, for

all purposes in these Rules and Regulations.

FINANCE

41. (a) The fees payable to the General Treasury by Lodges not comprised within the limits of any National Society are as follows: for Charter, £1; for each Diploma (Certificate) of Membership, 5s.; for the Annual Subscription of each Fellow, 5s.; but in the case of Lodges comprised within the jurisdiction of a National Society, the Annual Subscription of each Fellow shall be the amount prescribed for Annual Subscription by the by-laws or other regulations of the National Society within which the Lodge exists; or equivalents.

(b) New members joining otherwise than at the beginning of the year shall at the time of admission pay their Annual Subscription *pro rata* for the remaining period of the fiscal year at the rate of £ 0-1-3 per quarter.

42. Fellows-at-large, resident within the territory of a National Society under the Provision of Rule 31 (a) shall pay to the General Treasury as Entrance Fee and as Annual Subscription the amounts prescribed by the by-laws or other regulation of such National Society, but not less than 5s. and £1 respectively.

Fellows-at-large, not resident within the territory of a National Society, shall pay to the General Treasury an Entrance Fee of 5s. and an Annual Subscription of £1.

43. (a) Each National Society shall pay into the General Treasury ten per cent of the total amount received for its own National dues, and shall remit the same to the Treasurer at Adyar on or before the first day of September of the current year, and the financial year of The Society shall close on 30th September.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 41 (a) and Rule 42, the President at his discretion may authorize Presidential Agents to collect dues in territories

to which they have been appointed and to remit in accordance with Rule 43 (a).

44. In the event of the cancellation of any Charter under Rule 36, or the dissolution of any National Society or of a Lodge, the constituent Charter of the National Society or of the Lodge, granted by the President, shall *ipso facto*, become forfeited or lapsed, and all property, real or personal, including Charters, Diplomas (Certificates), Seal, Records and other papers belonging to or in the custody of such National Society or Lodge shall vest as follows:

(a) in The Society, in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge not within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge coming under Rule 31 (c), (except where the law of the country where the National Society or Lodge is situated prohibits such vesting, in which case the property shall vest as hereinafter provided), and delivery shall be made to the President, or to his nominee on his behalf.

(b) in the National Society in which the Lodge is situated, in the case of a Lodge within the territory of a National Society, said Lodge not coming under Rule 31 (c), and delivery shall be made to the General Secretary of the said National Society.

No National Society or Lodge whose Charter shall have become forfeited or lapsed shall continue to use the name, motto, or seal of The Society except for the purpose of vesting in The Society or in the National Society as the case may be the real and personal property of such National Society or Lodge.

Provided, nevertheless, that the President shall have power to revive the Charter of the National Society or the Lodge, as the case may be, whose Charter shall have become so forfeited or lapsed, and to transfer the said Charter to other Lodges being not less than seven in number, or to other Fellows being not less than seven in

number, as the case may be, or to such other nominees of his as in his judgment shall seem best for the interests of The Society.

In cases under (a) above, where such vesting in The Society is prohibited by the law of the country in which is situated the National Society or the Lodge whose Charter has become forfeited or lapsed as aforesaid, the property shall vest in a local Trustee or Trustees appointed by the President.

To effect any transfer of property, to which The Society may become entitled under this Rule, it shall be lawful for the President to appoint an agent or nominee for the purpose of executing any necessary document or documents, or for taking any steps necessary effectually to transfer the said property to The Society.

45. The financial accounts of The Society shall be audited annually by qualified Auditors who shall be appointed by the General Council at each Annual Meeting for the ensuing year.

MEETING

46. The Annual General Meeting or Convention of The Society shall be held in India in the month of December, at such place as shall be determined by the Executive Committee in June of each year. Lodges desirous of inviting the Convention and able to make due arrangements for its accommodation, shall send the invitation in March of the current year, with particulars of the arrangements they propose to make.

47. At least once in every seven years a World Congress of The Theosophical Society may be held out of India, at a place and date to be fixed by the General Council, but so as not to interfere with the Annual Convention in India.

48. The President shall have the power to convene special meetings of The Society at his discretion.

REVISION

49. The General Council, of their own motion or on the motion of the Executive Committee and after at least three months' notice has been given to each member of said Council, may, by a three-fourths vote of those members who vote in person, in writing, or by proxy, make, alter or

repeal the Rules and Regulations of The Society, in such manner as it may deem expedient.

50. The General Council may frame by-laws not inconsistent with these Rules and Regulations and may add to, alter, or repeal such by-laws, consistently with the said Rules and Regulations, as it may deem expedient.

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Ex-Officio Members of General Council

President: MR. N. SRI RAM

Vice-President: MR. SIDNEY A. COOK

Recording Secretary: MISS EMMA HUNT

Treasurer: MR. EDWIN N. LORD

National Societies, Federations and Presidential Agencies

Date of formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1886	United States	... Mr. James S. Perkins	... P.O. Box 270, Wheaton, Illinois
1888	England	... Dr. L. J. Bendit	... 50 Gloucester Place, London, W.1
1891	India	... Sri Rohit Mehta	... Theosophical Society, Varanasi 1
1895	Australia	... Miss Helen V. Zahara	... 29 Bligh Street, Sydney, N.S.W.
1895	Sweden	... Mrs. Eva Ostelius	... Östermalmsgatan 12, Stockholm
1896	New Zealand	... Miss Clarice E. Gregory	... 10 Belvedere St., Epsom, Auckland
1897	Netherlands	... Mr. A. J. H. van Leeuwen	... Amsteldijk 76, Amsterdam Z.
1899	France	... Monsieur Francis Brunel	... 4 Square Rapp, Paris VII
1902	Italy	... Dr. Giuseppe Filipponio	... Via della Brianza 8, Rome
1902	Germany	... Direktor Martin Boyken	... Hagenau 15, Hamburg 23
1905	Cuba	... Mr. Alfredo Puig, Jr.	... P.O. Box 365, Habana
1907	Hungary	...	...
1907	Finland	... Miss Signe Rosvall	... Vironkatu 7C, Helsinki
1908	Russia	...	...
1909	Czechoslovakia	...	...
1909	Southern Africa	... Mrs. Mary G. Patterson	... P. O. Box 863, Johannesburg
1910	Scotland	... Mrs. Jean Allan	... 17 Queen's Crescent, Glasgow, C.4
1910	Switzerland	... Madame Claire Wyss	... Bruderholzstrasse 88, Basle
1911	Belgium	... Monsieur Th. Chapellier	... 334 Rue Vanderkindere, Uccle-Bruxelles
1912	Indonesia	... Mr. Soemardjo	... Blavatskypark 5, Merdeka-Barat 17, Djakarta
1912	Burma	... U Po Lat	... No. 102, 49th Street, Rangoon
1912	Austria	... Dr. N. Lauppert	... Maigasse 8, Graz
1913	Norway	... Mr. Ernst Nielsen	... Oscars gate 11, Oslo N. V.
1918	Egypt *	... Mr. Zaki Awad	... (President, "Hikmet El Kadima" Lodge), 18 Emad El Din St., Cairo
1918	Denmark	... Herr J. H. Möller	... Strandvejen 130a, Aarhus
1919	Ireland	... Mrs. Evelyn O. Hornidge	... 31 Pembroke Road, Dublin
1919	Mexico	... Señor Arturo Vado Lopez	... Iturbide 28, Mexico D. F.
1919	Canada	... Lt.-Col. E. L. Thomson, D.S.O.	... 52 Isabella Street, Toronto 5, Ont.
1920	Argentina	... Señor Nazareno E. Rímini	... Casilla Correo No. 238, Rosario (Pcia. Santa Fe)
1920	Chile	... Señor Ricardo Michell A.-P.	... Casilla 3603, Santiago
1920	Brazil	... Tenente Armando Sales	... Rua Anita Garibaldi 29, 11º andar, Sao Paulo
1920	Bulgaria	...	...
1921	Iceland	... Mr. Sigvaldi Hjálmarsson	... Ingólfsstr. 22, Reykjavik
1921	Spain	...	...
1921	Portugal	... Mr. Félix Bermudes	... Rua Passos Manoel 20, Lisbon
1922	Wales	... Miss E. Claudia Owen	... 10 Park Place, Cardiff

* No Section; Lodge only.

Date of formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1923	Poland	...	...
1925	Uruguay	Señor Anibal Lissardy	Palacio Diaz, 18 de Julio 1333, Montevideo
1925	Puerto Rico	Señora Esperanza C. Hopgood	Box 8774, Fernandez Juncos, Santurce, San Juan
1925	Rumania	...	...
1925	Yugoslavia	...	...
1926	Ceylon	Mr. N. K. Choksy, Q.C.	Roshanara, 20 Clifford Road, Green Path, Colpetty, Colombo 3
1928	Greece	...	...
1929	Central America	Señor José Joaquín Ulloa	P.O. Box 797, San José, Costa Rica
1929	Paraguay	...	...
1929	Peru	...	...
1933	Philippines	Mr. Domingo C. Argente	Corner Iba and P. Florentino Sts., Quezon City
1937	Colombia	Mrs. Carmen Correa de Vengoechea	Apartado Postal 539, Bogotá
1947	East Africa	Mr. Vallabhdas H. Kapadia	P.O. Box 354, Zanzibar
1948	Pakistan *	Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla	Noonan Road, Karachi 3
1948	Malaya and Singapore †	Dr. C. H. Yeang	88 China St., Penang
1949	Northern Ireland †	Dr. Hugh Shearman	18 Brookhill Ave., Belfast
1950	State of Israel *	Mr. Hans Zeuger	P.O. Box 1264, Jerusalem
1951	Japan	...	...
1952	Viet-Nam	Mrs. Nguyen-thi-Hai	72/6 Nguyen-dinh-Chieu, Saigon
1953	Venezuela	Señor Pablo Bonilla T.	Apartado 2907, Caracas
1956	West Africa †	Mr. K. Brakatu Ateko	P.O. Box 720, Accra, Ghana
European Federation (of National Societies in Europe, formed 1903)		Mr. J. E. van Dissel	Achelsedijk 290, Valkenswaard, The Netherlands
Canadian Federation (attached to Headquarters, Adyar, 1924)		Miss Joan S. Morris	2050 Cypress St., Vancouver 9, B.C., Canada

Additional Members of the General Council

MR. J. E. VAN DISSEL, Achelsedijk 290, Valkenswaard, The Netherlands (for 1957, 1958 and 1959).

DR. HUGH SHEARMAN, 36 Cliftonville Road, Belfast, United Kingdom (for 1957, 1958 and 1959).

SRIMATI RUKMINI DEVI ARUNDALE, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 20 (for 1958, 1959 and 1960).

MISS ANN KERR, The Theosophical Society in America, P.O. Box 270, Wheaton, Ill., U.S.A. (for 1957, 1958 and 1959).

MR. GEOFFREY HODSON, The Theosophical Society, 10 Belvedere St., Epsom, Auckland, New Zealand (for 1959, 1960 and 1961).

MR. C. R. GROVES, 68 Burlington Avenue, Kew Gardens, Surrey, England (for 1957, 1958 and 1959).

MR. C. D. T. SHORES, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 20 (for 1959, 1960 and 1961).

MRS. GOOL K. MINWALLA, The Theosophical Society, Noonan Road, Karachi 3, Pakistan (for 1959, 1960 and 1961).

* Presidential Agency } Presidential Agents and Organizing Secretaries are not members of the
† Federation } General Council.

MINUTES

Of Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society, held at "Shanti Kunj" at the Indian Section Headquarters, Varanasi (Banaras) on Thursday, 25th December 1958 at 2 p.m. and on Wednesday, 31st December 1958 at 2 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mr. N. Sri Ram	..	<i>President (in the Chair). Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in England, General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Finland, General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in France, General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Scotland, and for Mr. H. S. L. Polak, Additional Member.</i>
Mr. E. N. Lord	..	<i>Treasurer, and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Southern Africa.</i>
Mr. Rohit Mehta	..	<i>General Secretary for the Theosophical Society in India.</i>
Mr. B. Wouters	..	<i>General Secretary for the Theosophical Society in the Netherlands.</i>
Miss Ann Kerr	..	<i>Additional Member, and Proxy for Miss Emma Hunt, Recording Secretary of the Theosophical Society, and for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in America.</i>
Srimati Rukmini Devi	..	<i>Additional Member, and Proxy for the General Secretary of the Theosophical Society in Switzerland.</i>

Present by invitation Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla and Mr. C. D. T. Shores.

1. *Confirmation of Minutes.*—The Minutes of the Meeting of the General Council held on 25th and 28th December 1957, having been circulated to the Members of the General Council, were taken as read and were adopted and signed.

2. *Matters arising out of the Minutes:*

(a) *The Theosophical Society in France.*—The President reported that nothing arises under this heading and therefore no decision has to be taken.

(b) *Question by Dr. Hugh Shearman on Rule 28,* whether under this Rule as amended in 1957 the Theosophical Society in Northern Ireland can continue to ask for the consent of parent or guardian in the case of persons who have not

reached their majority: The consensus of opinion of the General Council was that a Federation or Section might make provision in its rules for consent of parent or guardian in the case of persons between the age of eighteen and the legal age in that country, and that such provision will not be inconsistent with Rule 28.

3. *Amendment to Rule 10 of the Rules and Regulations of the Theosophical Society.*—The amended Rule 10 was declared adopted, the result of the voting being as follows:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstained</i>
39	—	3

Rule 10 now reads as follows:

Six months before the expiration of a President's term of office, or within three days of the office becoming vacant, the Recording Secretary shall call upon the members of the General Council for nominations for the office of President. Such call shall be by cable, confirmed within two days by air and ordinary mails. Each member of the General Council shall be entitled to make not more than three nominations and each member who is a General Secretary shall consult with the respective Governing Body of the Section and shall make his nominations on its behalf. Any member of the Society in good standing shall be eligible for nomination. The written consent of the member nominated shall be necessary for the validity of the nomination. Such consent, if sent by telegraph or cable, shall be confirmed by letter so as to reach the Recording Secretary within forty-five days of the call for nominations.

At the expiration of forty-five days the Recording Secretary shall place all the nominations received, together with the relevant papers, before the Executive Committee at a meeting specially convened for the purpose. At such meeting the Executive Committee shall examine the nominations. All nominations for which the written consent of the nominated member has not been received, as provided in the foregoing paragraph, shall be rejected as invalid. The others shall be counted and the names shall be listed in the order of the number of nominations received, beginning with the largest number of such nominations. Such list shall be designated "the nominations list".

From the nominations list a second list designated the "voting list" shall be prepared on which names from the nominations list shall be placed in the following manner:

1. The first name on the nominations list, or in the event of a tie, the names so tied.
2. If the voting list then contains less than three names, the next name, if any remain on the nominating list, or in the event of a tie, the names so tied.
3. If the voting list still contains less than three names, the next name, if any remain on the nominations list, or in the event of a tie, the names so tied.
4. There shall then be added from the nominations list in the order of the number of nominations received, beginning with the largest

number, the names, if any remain, of any other nominees who have been nominated by not less than half the members of the General Council.

The voting list as so prepared and amended as hereinafter provided shall constitute the list of nominees to be voted upon and shall not be subject to challenge.

The Recording Secretary shall immediately in writing communicate all the names on the voting list to each nominee thereon. If the nominee is not at Adyar, the communication shall be by telegraph or cable, confirmed within two days by air and ordinary mails.

If during the succeeding twenty-eight days, any nominee withdraws his name, the Executive Committee shall cancel such name from the voting list and if such cancellations reduce the remaining names on the voting list to less than three, shall add thereto the next name if any remain (or in the event of a tie, the next names so tied) on the nominations list.

Immediately following the expiration of the twenty-eight days the Recording Secretary shall communicate the voting list to the General Secretaries and to Lodges and Fellows-at-large attached to the Headquarters at Adyar. Such communication to the General Secretaries shall be by telegraph or cable confirmed within two days by air and ordinary mails.

If however a withdrawal is received by the Recording Secretary during the last five days of the twenty-eight day period, he shall have five additional days in which to immediately notify the next nominee on the nominations list by cable and to receive his consent. In the event of his not consenting to stand for election, five additional days shall again be given for similar notification and a response in respect of each succeeding name on the nominations list until a substitute consents to stand. In the event of the nominations list thus becoming exhausted the election shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of the next preceding paragraph.

If, thereafter, any nominee withdraws his name or dies, such name shall be struck from the voting list but no further substitution from the nominations list shall be made. Provided, however, that in the event of the death, at any time prior to the counting of the election votes, of any of the nominees on the voting list, such list shall be thereby cancelled and the whole procedure shall be repeated beginning with the call for nominations. In the event of such cancellation, the Recording Secretary shall immediately communicate the fact together with the call for new nominations to all members of the General Council by telegraph or cable confirmed within two days by air and ordinary mails.

If only one name remains on the voting list the subsequent vote shall be taken on a "For" or "Against" ballot.

Upon receipt of the voting list each General Secretary shall take the individual vote of each of the voter-members of his Section, that is, of members of the National Society on his rolls at the close of the last official year of the Section, and whose annual dues at that time were not in arrears for more than one year, and shall communicate the result to the Recording Secretary, who shall himself

take the votes of the Lodges and Fellows-at-large attached to the Headquarters at Adyar, who are not in arrears of annual dues for more than one year at the close of the last official year of the Society at Adyar.

At the expiration of six months from the call for nominations by the Recording Secretary, the results of the voting shall be counted by him. The Executive Committee shall appoint two of its members as scrutineers. The nominee receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected to the office of President.

If the voting results in the largest number of votes being given equally to two or more of the nominees, or if the voting upon the "For" or "Against" ballot results in the rejection of the one member receiving nomination, the nomination and election procedure herein provided shall be repeated and the President then in office or the Vice-President, if he is temporarily filling such office, shall continue therein until a new President is elected.

The General Council decided that no further amendments to Rule 10 should be considered at the present meeting, since there would be no time to carry out any such amendment before the next General Council Meeting in December 1959.

4. *Amendment to Rule 20 of the Rules and Regulations of the Theosophical Society.*—The results of the voting in respect of the Amendment to Rule 20 were as follows:

For	Against	Abstained
40	1	1

The Amendment was therefore declared carried.

5. *Amendment to Rules 29, 32, 36, 41 and 44 of the Rules and Regulations of the Theosophical Society.*—The results of the voting in respect to the Amendment to Rules 29, 32, 36, 41 and 44 were as follows:

For	Against	Abstained
41	1	—

The Amendment was therefore declared carried.

6. *Election of Four (4) Additional Members to the General Council for the years 1959, 1960 and 1961.*—The undermentioned members were declared duly elected as Additional Members of the General Council for a period of 3 years (1959, 1960, 1961). The results of the voting were as follows:

	For	Against
Mr. H. S. L. Polak	41	—
Mr. Geoffrey Hodson	40	—
Mr. C. D. T. Shores	42	—
Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla	42	—

7. *The Treasurer's Report for 1957-58.*—The audited financial statements of the Society for the official year ended 30th September 1958, presented by the Hon. Treasurer with his report and recommended for adoption by the Executive Committee, were given consideration and approved.

8. *The Budget for 1958-59.*—The Budget estimates for the year ending 30th September 1959, passed by the Executive Committee at a meeting held on 18th December 1958, were adopted as detailed below:

THE T.S. HEADQUARTERS, ADYAR, BUDGET FOR 1958-59

EXPENSE	Budget for 1957-'58	Actuals for 1957-'58	Budget for 1958-'59	INCOME	Budget for 1957-'58	Actuals for 1957-'58	Budget for 1958-'59
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Establishment—Salaries and Wages ...	38,000	38,806	38,000	Rent ...	50,000	51,912	51,000
Repairs and Renewals ...	30,000	57,786	40,000	Fees and Dues ...	25,000	25,582	25,000
Garden Expenses ...	46,400	50,117	57,700	Conservancy Charges ...	1,200	1,210	1,200
Light and Water ...	3,500	3,523	3,500	Garden Income ...	40,100	48,607	50,700
Miscellaneous ...	7,000	9,104	9,000	Casuarina ...	4,000	4,462	4,000
Postages, Telegrams and Telephone ...	3,000	2,321	3,000	Administration Charges ...	7,130	7,130	7,130
Printing and Stationery ...	4,000	4,090	4,000	Interest (Gross) ...	40,040	40,707	42,000
Publications to General Secretaries ...	700	763	800	Special Departments:			
Sanitation Expenses ...	5,000	3,984	5,000	Engineering Department ...	1,19,180	1,31,933	1,37,800
Taxes ...	14,000	14,980	15,000	Vasanta Press ...	1,38,000	1,51,666	1,59,000
Interest on Funds and Accounts ...	10,000	9,229	10,000	Laundry ...	6,450	6,070	5,800
Convention ...	4,500	3,757	2,000	Donations ...		64,322	
Watch and Ward ...	14,000	13,266	16,000	Deficit ...	61,830	11,720	67,270
Contributions:							
To Adyar Library ...	5,000	5,000	5,000				
„ Dispensary ...	3,500	4,305	4,600				
„ Museum and Archives ...	300	141	300				
„ President's Travelling Fund ...	6,600	6,600	6,600				
„ School of the Wisdom ...	5,000	5,000	5,000				
Bhojanasala ...	2,200	2,600	1,400				
Leadbeater Chambers ...	2,800	788	800				
Depreciation ...	18,800	19,327	19,300				
Special Departments:							
Engineering Department ...	1,19,180	1,30,092	1,37,800				
Vasanta Press ...	1,41,000	1,51,359	1,58,000				
Laundry ...	8,450	8,383	8,100				
	4,92,930	5,45,321	5,50,900		4,92,930	5,45,321	5,50,900

For The Theosophical Society,
EDWIN N. LORD,
Hon. Treasurer.

9. *The Appointment of Auditors for 1958-59.*—Messrs. Dandekar were appointed Auditors for the year 1958-59 on the same terms as the previous Auditors or on reasonable terms to be agreed on.

10. *The Appointment of the Executive Committee for 1959.*—The following members were appointed:

President	}	<i>Ex-Officio</i>
Vice-President		
Recording Secretary		
Treasurer		
Miss Katherine A. Beechey		
Mrs. Radha S. Burnier		
Mr. N. A. Naganathan		
Srimati Rukmini Devi		
Mr. C. D. T. Shores		
Mr. S. G. Venkataramanan		

11. *Any other Business:*

(a) *The Theosophical Society in Greece.*—The President said that a good deal of dissension had arisen in the Greek Section, and gave a summary of the events leading up to this situation.

The meeting then adjourned until Wednesday, 31st December 1958 at 2 p.m.

GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING RESUMED

Wednesday, 31st December 1958 at 2 p.m.

11. *Resumption of any other Business:*

(a) *The Theosophical Society in Greece.*—The President said that during the interval since the first session of the General Council he had received news from Greece that at a National Assembly on the 19th December 1958 a Committee of five members had been elected, this being a provisional Committee to govern the Section according to statutes and to hold fresh elections in January 1959. The Committee will report to the President in due course.

(b) Dr. L. J. Bendit, General Secretary of the English Section, raised the question of a member of the Theosophical Society living near the border of two Sections who might find it more convenient to change his membership to the other Section. According to the Rules and Regulations of the Theosophical Society this can only be done with the consent of the President of the Society. The General Council was in agreement that there was no need to change the Rule to meet such a case. All that is required is that the respective General Secretaries exchange letters and settle the matter between them and the President's permission will be given automatically.

(c) The President read out a resolution from the Durban Lodge of the Theosophical Society in Southern Africa, urging co-operation and liaison between the Theosophical Society and other bodies "with the same broad goals". However, as the letter was found to relate to the previous year, no decision was called for on the matter. The President said that in any case he was not in favor of the Theosophical Society agreeing to this as a general policy, since such a policy, which on the face of it appears contrary to the General Council's resolution of 1950, would cause confusion in the minds of people as to the aims, methods and character of the Theosophical Society.

EMMA HUNT,
Recording Secretary.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1958

			No. of Lodges	No. of Members	
National Sections (Active)	..	40			
Presidential Agencies (Active)	..	2			
Federations formed under Rule 35 (b)	..	3			
Total Lodges (1958)	..	1,360			
Total Membership:					
1957	..	33,628			
1958	..	33,750			
Increase	..	122			
	No. of Lodges	No. of Members			
1. United States of America	.. 149	4,328	29		
2. England	.. 108	2,789	26		
3. India	.. 408	7,090	17		
4. Australia	.. 18	1,238	69		
5. Sweden	.. 14	382	27		
6. New Zealand	.. 20	1,066	53		
7. Netherlands	.. 38	1,641	43		
8. France	.. 49	1,241	25		
9. Italy	.. 32	1,076	33		
10. Germany	.. 20	420	21		
11. Cuba	.. 21	582	28		
12. Hungary	.. —	—			
13. Finland	.. 23	505	22		
14. Russia	.. —	—			
15. Czechoslovakia	.. —	—			
16. Southern Africa	.. 14	669	48		
17. Scotland	.. 18	215	12		
18. Switzerland	.. 12	237	20		
19. Belgium	.. 10	393	39		
20. Indonesia	.. 25	1,020	41		
21. Burma	.. 7	59	8		
22. Austria	.. 13	294	23		
23. Norway	.. 9	165	18		
24. Egypt (Lodge only)	.. 1	21 (1956)			
25. Denmark	.. 13	308	24		
26. Ireland	.. 4	50	12		
27. Mexico	.. 26	498	19		
28. Canada	.. 13	346	26		
29. Argentina	.. 55	1,311			24
30. Chile	.. 9	150 (1956)			17
31. Brazil	.. 29	939			32
32. Bulgaria	.. —	—			
33. Iceland	.. 11	416			35
34. Spain	.. —	—			
35. Portugal	.. 13	200 (1957)			
36. Wales	.. 6	175			30
37. Poland	.. —	—			
38. Uruguay	.. 7	97			14
39. Puerto Rico	.. 7	93			13
40. Rumania	.. —	—			
41. Yugoslavia	.. —	—			
42. Ceylon	.. 11	135			12
43. Greece	.. 10	281			28
44. Central America	.. 8	134			17
45. Paraguay	.. —	—			
46. Peru (Lodges attached to Adyar)	.. 5	102			20
47. Philippines	.. 16	183			11
48. Colombia	.. 14	143			10
49. East Africa	.. 21	800 (1957)			40
50. Pakistan*	.. 8	267			33
51. Malaya & Singapore†	.. 4	139			34
52. N. Ireland†	.. 3	61			20
53. Israel*	.. 5	54			11
54. Japan	.. —	—			
55. Viet-Nam	.. 12	382			32
56. Venezuela	.. 9	147			16
57. West Africa†	.. 4	143			36
58. Canadian Federation	.. 8	216			27
59. Fellows-at-large	.. —	15			
60. Lodges and members attached to Adyar:					
Bolivia	.. 2	25			
Others	.. 15	227			
"	.. 3	282			
Total	1,360	33,750			25

* Presidential Agency.

† Federation.

EMMA HUNT,
Recording Secretary.

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